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FULLY FIVE HUNDRED MEN LOST WHEN GREAT BATTLESHIP WAS SUNK

So Far, British Admiralty Has Not Issued Statement as to Cause of Tragedy, or Where it Happened—Report from Paris Says Formidable Went Down Off Portsmouth, England's Greatest Harbor.

LAND FIGHTING CONTINUES WITH VERY LITTLE CHANGE IN SITUATION ON FRONTS

Sporadic in West, But More Continual in the East, Where the Germans and Russians Contend for Rivers in Poland—Ottoman Troops Take Offensive and Cross Russian Frontier—Operations in Hungary.

London, January 2. — Another fifty men from the British battleship Formidable lost in the English channel Friday reached shore safely, after riding out a fierce gale for upwards of 20 hours in an open cutter. This makes a total of 201 survivors out of a crew of 780.

The latest survivors landed at Lyme Regis, on the Dorsetshire coast, late last night. All were in a state of exhaustion after their terrible experience. They declare there is little hope of any further survivors, as the tremendous sea running would make it impossible for men to live long enough to be picked up by passing vessels, while many of those clinging to the wreckage undoubtedly were killed when the second explosion occurred.

The admiralty has not issued any statement in explanation as to the cause of the disaster, or where it occurred.

The land fighting, which is sporadic in the West, but more continual in the East, has brought about no material change in the situation. Artillery is playing the biggest part along the western front, although at points there has been close range fighting.

The Germans deny French reports that they have been driven out of part of the village of Steinbach, upper Alsace, which has been the scene of sanguinary fighting for a week past.

There have been engagements on the rivers Bzurs and Rawka, in Poland, but seemingly the Germans are no nearer Warsaw that they were a week ago. They have commenced offensive operations in the direction of Kielce, one of the larger towns of southern Poland, which doubtless has for its object the holding up of the Russian advance through Galicia on Cracow.

An attempted German advance from Mlawa, in an effort to divert the Russian threat to outflank the Teutonic center by crossing the lower Vistula, northwest of Warsaw, has been checked by the Russians.

According to Petrograd reports, the Russians continue to sweep the Austrians westward along the Southern Galician railway toward Grybow and Neu Sabo, and out of the northern foot hills of the Carpathians. The Muscovites also are credited with having organized a new campaign against Hungary, advancing in four columns across the mountains. This, it is said, will not be like previous raids, but will be a regular invasion.

Further east, the Russians are marching across Bukowina, not far north of the Rumanian frontier, toward Transylvania. It is considered likely Rumanian action will be hastened by this step. On the Caucasian front, where Field Marshal Von der Goltz is to take command, the Turks have assumed the offensive and crossed the Russian frontier at three points. Heavy fighting is reported.

By request of King George, tomorrow will be obseerved as a day of intercession, and special prayers for the success of the Allies' arms will be offered in every church and chapel of all creeds and religions in the kingdom.

PARIS SAYS WHERE.

Report Says Battleship Went Down Off Portsmouth, England.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The British battleship Formidable, which sank in the English channel Friday morning, with the greater part of her crew, was torpedoed off Portsmouth by a German submarine, according to a report current in Paris.

Portsmouth is the chief naval station of England. It is at the southwest extremity of Portsea Island, 18 miles southeast of Southampton and 65 miles southwest of London.

Portsmouth harbor is four miles in length with about an equal width and its entrance is only about 400 yards across. It has been said that in this land locked haven the while British navy might ride in perfect security. The arm of the English channel with which it communicates is the roadstead of Spithead.

MORE ARE SAVED.

Boat Load of Men from Battleship Reach Shore After Storm.

London, Jan. 2.—Another cutter from the British battleship Formidable, sunk in the English channel yesterday, has reached Lyme-Regis, Forestshire, with 50 men, bringing the total of saved up to 201.

When the cutter left the Formidable she had 60 or more men aboard, but all but 50 succumbed to exposure, having been in an open boat for some 20 hours in a violent storm.

Albert Edward Cooper, master at arms, one of the survivors landed at Lyme-Regis, said the explosion ossurred between 1:30 and 2:30 o'clock in the morning. When he reached deck the ship had begun to settle on the starboard side. Boats were launched and remained near the ship to pick up survivors, but some of the boats, which stood out about 20 yards, were swamped by wreckage.

Then men all were scantily clad and suffered terribly from the cold during the trip to shore.

Some died during the day and were passed overboard. Upon the arrival of the cutter at Lyme-Regis, at 11 o'clock last night, six were found dead in the bottom of the boat.

A policeman on duty heard cries for help, and going to the beach, found the cutter with the men, none of whom could land without assistance. Some were so exhausted that artificial respiration was necessary.

A terrific southeast gale was blowing all the time, and although the men took turns at the oars, it was impossible for them to keep warm.

CAPTAIN WENT DOWN.

He and His Signal Men Seen on Bridge as Vessel Keeled Over and Sank.

Brixham, Devon, England, Jan. 2.—(via London)—Survivors here of the British battleship Formidable which sank in the English channel yesterday say the warship was struck by a mine or torpedo abaft the magazine. The explosion was terrific, but the magazine was not reached. Had that also blown up, the ship would have foundered without there being time to save anybody, they said.

As the water rushed in, the men on

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GERMANS ATTACK ON CHRISTMAS DAY

But Little Progress Made Against Entrenched Russirn

MAKE SLIGHT ADVANCE

Heavy Fogs, Deep Mud and Short Days Benefit Russians in Desperate Contest with the German Quarters.

Headquarters of the Tenth German Infantry Division of the Rawka River, Poland, Dec. 26 (via Courier to Berlin, thence to London),—Jan. 3.—(12:55 a. m.)—"Artillery preliminaries for a general infantry attack will begin at noon. Infantry attack begins at 2 o'clock."

This was the Christmas day order telephoned and signalled to the German army on the Rawka.

The thunder of a heavy cannonade and the rattle of infantry fire was hard along the whole line Christmas afternoon. The attack resulted in a slight advance of the Tenth infantry.

But progress was slow against the triple row of Russian trenches in the hills and in the woods on the east bank of the Rawka river, protected by a broad belt of swamps in which the Germans can not entrench.

The short winter days and fogs give the German artillery only an hour or two daily in which to cover the German advance. There is no snow and thaws to convert into quagmire roads over which ammunition supplies must be transported.

Under such circumstances only slow headway is possible in a frontal attack.

Few Hours' Sunshine.

A few hours of sunshine yesterday gave German aviators their first opportunity in a week to reconnoiter the Russian lines. One aviator reported that long wagon trains were parked in the road through the forest near the Russian lines. This information was conveyed to the German artillery and at a given signal several heavy batteries opened fire on the road.

The effect could not be determined definitely as the fog again settled before the aviator could re-ascend. The Russian artillery is believed to be short of ammunition on this section of the front.

Although Christmas was a battle day for the Germans, Christmas eve was comparatively quiet. A Russian message had announced a general attack along the whole line for the evening, when the Germans were celebrating, but this attack, however, developed in force only south of this place. Here the Russians launched a heavy infantry attack well supported by artillery but they were beaten off and lost heavily, particularly, in prisoners.

Elsewhere along the line the German soldiers celebrated Christmas as nearly as possible in home fashion. There was scarcely a shelter hut in the trenches and artillery positions which did not display a Christmas tree decorated with tinsel and candles.

Most of the Christmas packages from home failed to arrive, having been delayed by bad roads. But food tidbits, bottles of wine, nips of rum and arrack, carefully preserved for the celebration, came tolight.

The cannonade on this part of the front ceased almost entirely at dusk. Far and near could be heard voices joining in the Christmas anthem "Holy Night, Peaceful Night."

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS TEN STATES SURVEYED

Produces 82.3 Per Cent. of Farm Family's Food.

Average for the Ten is 63. While Proportion in New York State is 50.4. Only Certain Localities Are Surveyed.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Preliminary results of a study of rural living conditions in several states, announced today by the Department of Agriculture, showed that in the locality under observation in North Carolina, the farms yielded 82.3 per cent of the food used each year by the farm family, while the average in the New York locality was only 50.4.

The survey was made on a large number of farms in North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Vermont. It showed that 63 per cent of the food consumed by the farm family was supplied by the farm.

The proportion varied in the several sections, but was greatest in the North Carolina locality. The department pointed to that as demonstrating how Southern farms may be made self-sustaining.

HEADS COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

North Carolina Man Chosen to Lead Phi Delta Theta.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 2.—Frederick J. Coxe, of Wadesboro, N. C., was elected president of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at the final session of the convention here last night. John D. Ellis, of Cincinnati, was elected secretary to succeed Mr. Coxe. No other changes in the general council were made. The next biennial will be held in Atlanta.

WHY NAVAL STORES MADE CONTRABAND?

United States Asks Definite Information of England.

HAS CHANGED HER LIST

Was Formerly Announced Non-Contraband by England But Recently Put on Contraband List —America Asks Reason.

Washington, Jan. 2.—While no word came from Ambassador Page today as to the character of the reply Great Britain will make to the American protest against interference with American trade, there were several developments in the genral shipping situation.

Th United States asked Great Britain for information as to how the British statement in November that naval stores would be regarded as non-contraband, would be reconciled in actual practice with the British notification of a week ago that these products now are absolute contraband. Information is sought as to how cargoes now en route are to be affected.

The case of the steamer Brandilla, originally detained at Halifax and rearrested on her return journey from Egypt and taken to a French port, is looked on as likely to produce complications.

Should the question of change of registry be raised, a precedent may be set, for while Great Britain has recognized transfers when of a bona fide nature, the attitude of France has never been declared.

The communication which the State Department sent today concerning naval stores is said to be the first protest on specific articles listed by Great Britain as absolute contraband. Governors and senators of several states were notified of the naval stores protest. Rosin and turpentine had been intended for ballast with cotton cargoes and the British government is on record as stating that cargoes so made up would not be regarded as contraband. The State Department had no sooner sent notification to this effect to shippers than the British foreign office published the new edict.

One Reason for Note.

Although this phase of the situation was not specifically mentioned in the recent American note it was generally understood to have been a contributory reason for the dispatch of the document.

The Italian ambassador informed the State Department that, while statistics would make it appear that extraordinry amounts of copper shipped from the United States to Italy might be for unneutral purposes, the fact was that Germany needed her own copper, Italy could no longer import from countries immediately north of her but must depend on the United States for the metal.

To prevent recurrency of charges that American shippers had been con-

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RUSSIAN ORANGE BOOK NOW ISSUED

Deals With Events Preceding Break With Turkey.

GERMANY IS BLAMED

Declares That Ottoman Government Hesitated and That German Hands Led German Cruisers Owned by Turkey to Attack.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—Sergious Saznoff, Russian minister for foreign affairs, today had published an Orange Book, dealing with events preceding Turkish attacks on Russian seaports in the Black Sea.

The Orange Book is intended to throw light on what is termed, in a summary of the contents issued through the Petrograd Telegraph agency, the clandestine and obstinate methods employed by Austro-German diplomacy in forcing the Turkish government reluctantly to war against the Triple Entente powers.

"The documents in the book," the official summary declares, "gave evidence that the independence of the Ottoman Empire already was imperiled when the German military mission was established in Constantinople. It vanished definitely from the moment the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau took refuge in the Dardanelles.

"The Young Turk cabinet displayed a cunningness thoroughly Oriental in endeavoring to escape from Teutonic influences.

"The diplomats of Great Britain, France and Russia, perceiving the little eagerness which the Turks were showing to permit themselves to be drawn into the war, tried to persuade the pacific element in the Ottoman cabinet.

"They succeeded, however, only in delaying the rupture. As soon as the Austro-German diplomats became convinced that the Turks were hesitating as to what course to take, German hands led German ships in a treacherous attack on the peaceful shores of an empire which was maintaining perfect neighborly relations with the Turks."

AMERICAN TANKER AGAIN ARRESTED

Steamer Brandilla Twice Taken by British Cruisers

STANDARD OIL VESSEL

First Time Taken Off the Harbor of New York and This Time Off the Coast of Scotland—To Be Released.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—Information was received here today that the American tank steamer Brandilla, whose arrest by a British cruiser and detention at Halifax last October was the cause of diplomatic correspondence between the United States and Great Britain resulting in the steamer's release, again had been interrupted by British warships this time off the coast of Scotland. Maritime records show the Brandilla arrived at St. Michaels, Azores, from Alexander, Egypt, to take on a cargo of oil from a German steamer on December 12 and was repeated as leaving St. Michaels December 20, clearing for Copenhagen.

The Brandilla's first seizure occurred off New York last October. She had aboard a cargo of oil and was bound ostensibly for Alexandria, Egypt. A British cruiser convoyed her to halifax

The State Department made representations to the British government which resulted in her release after she had been detained for about a week.

IS TO BE RELEASED

Washington Finds Out That Vessel Will Freed—Make a Protest.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The State Department learned today that the Steamship Brandilla, after her seizure off the coast of Scotland, was taken to Brest. Representations were made to the British government and unofficial assurances have been received that the vessel will be promptly released. It dveloped today that another Standard Oil vessel, the Cushing, also was seized by the British cruisers with a cargo of oil, but already has been released. She was taken to Ville, France, where she was held pending an investigation of her registry.

The Brandilla on her first seizure carried a cargo of illuminating oil which the British government contended was being used for operation of air craft. The question of her transfer from German to American registry was involved in her first case and Great Britain apparently satisfied of her continuous American ownership although registered as the German tank steamer Washington, belonging to a line owned by the Standard Oil Company ordered her release.

LEAVES PART OF CARGO

Norwegian Steamer is Allowed to Take Part on to Copenhagen.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—With approximately $100,000 worth of her cargo detained the Nordegian steamer Sandefjord brought to this port November 30 for examination, sailed today for her original destination, Copenhagen. Acting upon instructions from the Imperial government customs officials kept here 150 cases of rubber and a few hundred barrels of sausage casing. The cases of rubber bore in black letters "Germany." Beans and coffee cake marked for Turkey and Germany were reloaded on the steamer.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO FINISH PROGRAMME

Wilson Confers With Senate Leaders as to Matter.

Senate is Far Behind Schedule While House is Rapidly Drawing to the End of Legislation Placed on Regular Programme.

Washington, Jan. 2.—President Wilson conferred with several Senate leaders today on means to hasten the administration's legislative programme for the session.

With Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, Mr. Wilson discussed the status of the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties, both of which he hopes to see ratified at this session.

Senator Stone said he would write immediately to former President Roosevelt asking if he still desired to be heard by the committee regarding the Colombian treaty which provides for the payment of $25,000,000 to Colombia for canal zone property. When the treaty first was drawn, Mr. Roosevelt protested against its ratification until he had been given an opportunity to discuss it before the committee. He was assured the opportunity would be provided.

The Nicaraguan treaty, providing for acquisition of an interoceanic canal route and a naval base in Nicargua by the United States already has been reported by the committee. Senator Stone said he would press it for early action.

The President was assured by Senator Fletcher in charge of the administration merchant marine bill, that the measure had good chance of passing the Senate. The Senator suggested several amendments, however, one of them relating to shortening of the term of the proposed issue of Panama canal bonds to raise funds for purchase or construction of ships.

INCLUDING LITERACY TEST SENATE PASSES IMMIGRATION BILL

Regardless of Strong Indications From the White House That Bill May be Vetoed if Presented to President With Literacy Test Incorporated, the Senate Adopts Measure by Large Majority—Fifty to Seven

Washington, Jan. 2.—The immigration bill, containing the restrictive literacy test for admission of aliens, passed the Senate late today, 50 to seven. The overwhelming majority was recorded despite indications that President Wilson would veto the measure, as did former President Taft, if it should come to him with the educational test included.

The vote indicated that the bill could be re-passed by more than the required two-thirds majority should the President reject the measure. Senators who voted against the bill were:

Brandegee, McCumber, Martine, O'Gorman, Ransdell, Reed and Walsh.

The bill passed the House last February 241 to 126.

Although the Senate amended the House bill in several particulars, the literacy test was unaltered, save for an additional exemption to Belgian subjects, adopted today after prolonged debate. House leaders probably will ask for a conference on Senate amendments Monday, but administration leaders were confident Senate amendments would be accepted and the bill sent to the President by the middle of next week.

Excludes All Negroes.

Among Senate amendments which House leaders have said probably would be accepted is one to exclude from the United States all persons of the African race or of negro blood. Another strengthens the phraseology of the prohibition of polygamists.

Closing hours of the debate were devoted to an amendment by Senator Lodge to exempt Belgian farmers from the literacy test and from provisions which prohibit Americans from soliciting or inducing immigration.

Already American organizations are endeavoring to induce Belgians to settle in this country. The amendment as finally adopted 34 to 22, reads:

"That the provisions of this act relating to the illiteracy test of induced or assisted immigration shall not apply to agricultural immigrants from Belgium who come to the United States during the course of the present European war or within one year after its termination owing to circumstances or conditions arising through the war, if it is shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner general of immigration that the said Belgian immigrants come with the intention of engaging in agriculture in the United States and to become American citizens."

Same as Passed House.

The literacy test, as finally approved, is virtually as it passed the House. All amendments to enlarge the exemptions to admit persons fleeing from political or racial as well as religious persecution were rejected. The section reads in part:

"That after four months from the approval of this act, in addition to the aliens who are by law now excluded from admission into the United States, the following persons shall also be excluded from admission thereto, to-wit:

"All aliens over 16 years of age physically capable of reading, who cannot read the English language, or some other language, or dialect, including Hebrew or Yiddish;

"Provided, that any admissable alien or any alien heretofore or hereafter legally admitted, or any citizen of the United States may bring in or send for his father or grandfather over 55 years old, his wife, his mother, his grandmother, or his unmarried or widowed daughter, if otherwise admissible, whether such relative can read or not; and such relative shall be permitted to enter. * * *

Those Who Are Exempt.

"That the following classes of persons shall be exempt from the operation of the illiteracy test, to-wit: All aliens who shall prove to the satisfaction of the proper immigration officer or to the Secretary of Labor that they immigrated from the country from which they were last permanent residents for the purpose of avoiding religious persecution, all aliens who have been lawfully admitted to the United States and who have resided therein continuously for five years, and who have, in accordance with the law, declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States and who return to the United States within six months from the date of their departure therefrom; all aliens who have been lawfully admitted to the United States and who later shall go in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory."

Other features of the bill which change existing law are designed primarily to increase safeguards of health and morale and to protect labor. The head tax on immigrants is increased from $4 to $6.

The bill provides as a pecuniary penalty a lien on vessels which violate the proposed regulations.

Persons or corporations would be prohibited from importing contract labor or soliciting or inducing the importation of immigrants except "that skilled labor if otherwise admissible, may be imported if labor of like kind unemployed cannot be found in this country."

The question of the necessity for importing such labor is to be determined by the Secretary of Labor.

An amendment submitted by Senator Cummins and accepted provides that the Departments of Labor and Commerce closely observe industrial conditions and notify Congress whenever, in their opinion, expected immigration will materially increase the number of unemployed in the country or reduce the wage standard.

The bill outlines a system of supervision of immigrant ships and also provides for interior immigrant stations to distribute aliens. A provision of the House bill directing that American medical inspectors should be placed on immigrant ships in foreign ports was stricken out after protests from foreign governments.

CONSPIRACY IS UNCOVERED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

German Officers and Reservists Being Sent to Germany on Passports Fraudulently Obtained—One Officer and Four Men Taken From Liner At Quarantine, in New York Harbor.

New York, Jan. 2.—An alleged conspiracy to furnish German army officers and reservists with fraudulently obtained American passports to enable them to return to Germany without danger of molestation by French or English authorities was brought to light today by the Department of Justice.

The disclosure came with the arrest of Carl Ruroede, a former agent of the North German Lloyd Steamship line, and with the removal from the outward bound steamer Bergensfjord of a German army officer and three German reservists. All were charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States government through the use of American passports.

The four soldiers were taken off the steamer as she was passing quarantine, and brought back to New York on a revenue cutter.

All four bore photographic passports issued by the State Department to Americans and alleged to have been furnished by Ruoede. Other arrests are expected.

Ruroede said tonight, according to Department of Justice agents, that whatever he had done had been on his own initiative and was inspired by patriotic motives. He was held in $20,000 bail, which he was unable to furnish tonight. With him was arrested John A. Ucher, his alleged associate, who also was held in $20,000 bail, and Duroede's 17-year-old son, who was released on his own recognizance.

Released on His Honor.

The German officer, Lieutenant Arthur Wilhelm Heinrich Sachse, was paroled on his honor "as an officer and a gentleman" not to leave New York city during the pendency of the proceedings. The three reservists, Walter Muller, August Meyer and Herman Wegener, were held in $5,000 bail each. Four others, two with American and two with German names, were detained under $500 each as material witnesses.

The arrests were the culmination, it was said tonight, of an investigation in progress since the arrest in England of Carl Lody, who subsequently was executed as a German spy.

The detectives learned, it was said that Ruoede was in communication with German reservists in all parts of the country, while he received many of them every day at his office. Ruroede furnished many with Swiss and Roumanian passports it is alleged. To obtain American passports, it is charged, Ruroede employed naturalized Germans to apply for passports. One certified the passports were sent to Washington for signature by Secretary Bryan and the seal of the State Department and on being returned were given to reservists. All the defendants waived examination. Their case will go to the grand jury. In arraigning Lieutenant Sasche and the three privates, Assistant District Attorney Constant said the government did not consider their alleged offense criminal in its nature.

District Atorney Marshall said tonight that he wished to emphasize that the State Department had recently established new and stringent regulations and in the issuance of passports, which it is believed, cannot be evaded.

HITCH IN AFFAIRS ALONG THE BORDER

Mexican Leaders Slow About Signing Scott's Peace Pact

CONFIDENCE NOT LOST

Washington Authorities Believe There Will be No Need for Artillery Now Stationed at Naco to Protect Americans.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Difficulties have arisen in General Scott's negotiations with the Mexican generals, Maytoreno and Hill, of the Gutierrez and Carranza factions, respectively, for the designation of Naco, Sonora, as a neutral town to avoid firing into American territory.

Acting Secretary of State Lansing conferred today with President Wilson and Acting Secretary of War Breckenridge on the subject and later further suggestions were sent to General Scott. Enriquie C. Llorente, Gutierrez's Washington representative, also talked at length with Mr. Breckenridge. Mr. Llorente and high officials said they were confident an adjustment would be reached without the necessity of decisive action by the batteries of artillery recently posted across the line from Naco.

The following statement was issued by Secretary Tumulty, after a conference with the President:

"There is a hitch about the signing of the agreement between Maytorena and Hill and this government is attempting to adjust the differences. The government has not been informed exactly what the differences are, but is trying to ascertain them.

Mexicans Not Ready.

"Until today it was generally supposed that both Hill and Maytorena were ready to agree that the former would abandon Naco and move his forces to Aguas Prieta, while Maytorena was to transfer his men to Nogales.

While the negotiations still have for their object neutralization of Naco, Mr. Llorente said tonight some other methods of reaching the same result was being discussed.

The State Department received word from its agents in Mexico City today that the national convention had adjourned until Monday after a brief session yesterday when the question of how many delegates were to represent the Zapata army of the south was debated without result.

Washington officials are greatly interested in the deliberations of the convention called to select a provisional president for a period of several months until a general election can be held. It is understood Villa and his adherents favor the continuation in office of Eulalio Gutierrez. The Zapata element is opposed to this, and the names of General Felipe Angeles and General Jose Isabel Robles, minister of war in the Gutierrez cabinet, are being prominently mentioned.

The State Department also was advised that H. G. C. Atwater, an American, was stabbed to death at Tampico by a Mexican whose identity was unknown. The department has no clue to Atwater's home address or relatives.

Mexico City was reported quiet. No passenger went north yesterday on account of scarcity of fuel.

Carranza's Brother Taken.

General J. Carranza, brother of General Venustiano Carranza, has been taken prisoner at Salina Cruz, Mexico, according to an undated dispatch to the department, which also ttold of a revolt at San Geronimo.

A Vera Cruz dispatch, dated December 30th, and received at the department today, said "severe fighting was in progress southeast of Puebla."

Other advices were summarized in this statement:

"The department is just in receipt of an undated dispatch from the west coast of Mexico, via navy wireless stating that the Carranza forces had been driven from Tepic City and Acaponeta after three days' fighting; that the invasion of Sinaloa was commencing; that Villa leaders were attempting to preserve order and that conditions were growing worse."

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the Formidable hurried to the deck and some got away in small boats. Captain Loxley and his signal men were still on the bridge when the battleship keeled over and went to the bottom.

COTTON LOAN FUND COMPLETE

Committee Announces in Washington That Subscriptions Are in.

New York, Jan. 2.—The cotton loan committee announced today that subscriptions to the $135,000,000 loan fund had been completed and that it was ready to receive applications for loans. The list of the class "A" subscriptions bringing the total of that class to $100,000,000 were received today.

Notices of completion of the fund were telegraphed to the chairmen in charge in the various Southern States.

W. C. NEWLAND COMMISSIONED

Director State School for Feeble Minded—Succeeds Kent.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—Governor Craig issued a commission today for W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, as a member of the board of directors of the State School for Feeble Minded, Kinston. He succeeds Dr. A. A. Kent, of Lenoir, resigned.

ONE AT PHILADELPHIA

New York Attorney Arrested in Connection With Conspiracy.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—Local representatives of the Department of Justice tonight took into custody Morris Deitch, said to be an attorney of New York on a charge, growing out of alleged issuing of false passports in New York.

Young People Married.

Mr. Frank W. Davis and Miss Mamie J. Phillips, daughter of Mrs. Eliza Phillips, both of Wilmington, were married yesterday afternoon in the office of Justice Bornemann. The genial "Judge" officiated. Both young people have many friends in the city and elsewhere. They will live in Wilmington.

"LOG ROLLING" WAXING STRENUOUS AT RALEIGH

Candidates for Legislative Positions Gathering.

Wooten Claims 43 Votes for Speakership, But Bowie Denies It—Gardner and Hobgood for President Protem.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—With the convening of the North Carolina General Assembly just three days off, "log rolling" for the several important positions in the gift of the Legislature in perfecting its organization waxes strenuous to a degree and will be finally threshed out in the Democratic caucus Tuesday night before the Legislature meets at noon Wednesday.

The two leading candidates for speaker of the House are T. C. Bowie, Ashe county, and E. R. Wooten, Lenoir, with L. H. Allred, Johnston, and A. A. F. Seawell, Lee county, also in the running. Wooten claims to have promised support of 43 Democratic members, about half the vote, but Bowie disputes this and insists that he holds a winning hand. It is generally conceded that either Wooten or Bowie will get the speakership.

For reading clerk, J. D. Berry, Raleigh, and D. P. Dellinger, Gastonia, are the candidates. T. G. Cobb, Morganton, is without opposition for reelection as principal clerk. J. H. Morning, of Wake, stands for re-election as sergeant-at-arms and is opposed by O. C. McLean, Buncombe county.

In the Senate, O. Max Gardner, of Cleveland, and F. P. Hobgood, Jr., of Greensboro, are the candidates for president protem. Gardner has been in the race several weeks and Hobgood announced himself only recently. It is Gardner's first term in the Senate and Hobgood has served several terms. Gardner is believed to be the most likely candidate, however.

R. O. Self, of Webster, is unopposed as chief clerk. There are seven aspirants for sergeant-at-arms: J. J. Lewis, Raleigh; Quincey McLean, Asheville; R. G. Russell, Durham; H. B. Hunter, Warrenton; W. D. Gaster, Fayetteville; Mr. Davidson, Murphy, and J. H. Kerr, Caswell

All these and other candidates are expected to begin arriving Monday and by Tuesday night, when the party caucuses are to be held, pretty nearly all the members and job hunters will have come in.

TAFT GIVES HIS IDEAS AS TO THE PHILIPPINES

Are Not Ready for Independence, He Thinks.

Former President Thinks Independence Now Would Mean a Diaz in the Islands or Unabating Revolutions as in Mexico.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Former President Taft today told the Senate committee working on the administration bill for enlarging Philippine independence that the Filipinos in his opinion would be unfitted for self-government for the next 30 years—probably for the half century. Democrats party promises of independence, he declared had resulted in unrest to which he attributed, in a measure, the recent revolutionary disturbances.

Neither President McKihley, President Roosevelt, nor himself, he said, had contemplated turning the Philippine government over to the natives before they were educated for self-government. He quoted from President Wilson's writings that "self-government is not a mere form of institution, but a form of character."

"We can not present the Filipino people with a character," said the former President. It must be acquired. You can not make over a people in one generation. The time that will be necessary to train the Filipino people for self-government is the time that will be necessary to make them an English-speaking people. If you give the people independence now or by 1920 either a Diaz would arise in the Philippines or they would get into a condition that caused the sale of Diaz in Mexico."

The former President while disavowing intention of posing as a military expert, said in answer to questions that American obligation to defend the Philippines might be a "source of weakness in time of war.

"But," he continued, "I do not believe that any of the nations now engaged in the European war would look on the possession of the Philippines as a naval base, as a source of weakness."

Mr. Taft declared that in his opinion Japan had no desire to take the Philippines away from this country.

"I twice visited Japan and conferred with the authorities on that very point," he continued, "and it's my opinion that their experiences in Formosa have been quite enough in that direction."

ST. LOUIS NATIONALS ASK FOR INJUNCTION

To Restrain Lee Magee From Playing With Federal Leaguers.

Cincinnati, Jan. 2.—A temporary injunction to restrain Leo Hoernschemeyer, known in baseball circles as Lee Magee, from managing any club or from playing with any other club than the St. Louis Nationals, was asked for in a suit filed today by the American Baseball and Athletic Exhibition Company, operating the St. Louis National League Baseball Club.

The suit, filed in Federal District Court here, asks that the injunction later be made permanent on the ground that the St. Louis National League Club holds a previous contract with Magee for the season of 1915. It further states that on November 11th, 1914, Magee signed a contract with the Brooklyn Federal League, thereby repudiating his contract with the St. Louis Nationals.

HERBERT M'CLAMMY IS TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Tells Lumberton Correspondent He Will be in Race.

Fire Yesterday Morning—Few Business Changes—Cotton Mills Doing Well—Some Interesting Reminiscences.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Jan. 2.—Mr. Herbert McClammy, of Wilmington, while passing through Lumberton one day this week, while in conversation with The Star man, stated that unless something unforeseen turns up he will certainly be in the congressional race in the Sixth district next year. He says he will give good notice of his candidacy, so that voters may know he is in the race.

The writer was delighted to see Mr. McClammy. It seems to your correspondent that it is about time for New Hanover to furnish the man for Congress again, and he does not believe the county could bring out a man who is better qualified for the position than Mr. McClammy. His father, if the writer is not mistaken, represented his district in Congress years ago, with great satisfaction to the people he represented, and he would do as his father did. The writer has known him more than 20 years, and the only change in him is that he improves with advancing age. But he is still a young man.

Three Thousand Dollar Fire Yesterday.

At 7:30 this morning fire completely destroyed one building and damaged three others badly on Fourth street between Chestnut and Walnut. The house destroyed belonged to White & Gough and W. F. French and was valued at $1,000 with no insurance. The buildings damaged were owned by Frank Gough, damages estimated at $600, covered by insurance.

The building destroyed was occupied by a pressing club and automobile shop in front, while the rear end was used as a warehouse by Barnes & Stephens, whose loss was $600 with no insurance. The automobile shop loss is estimated at $250 covered by insurance. The Gough buildings were occupied by Judson Moore Produce Company, loss $450, no insurance; A. H. Hinds, (fresh meats and groceries), loss not given, covered by insurance; F. P. Green and Dubin Smith, tinner and electrical supplies, loss $200, no insurance. Origin of the fire is a mystery.

Few Business Changes.

There are very few business changes here as a result of the passing of another year. Mr. W. J. Prevatt, who for several years has conducted a general mercantile business in the Gough building, corner of Third and Elm streets, will, in a few days, move into one of the new McIntyre stores on Chestnut between Fourth and Fifth streets, and the King Grocery Company will move into the building vacated by Mr. Prevatt. Mr. E. Wayne Caldwell, for the past year with the McDonald Drug Company, severed his connection with that business yesterday and is succeeded by Mr. Erdman Grantham, who has had several years' experience in the drug business. Mr. S. S. Stephens, who has been driver of the auto fire truck since it was installed, has resigned and is succeeded by Mr. Jasper Roan, formerly with the John T. Biggs Company. Horne's barber shop, which was recently moved from Elm street between Third and Fourth into the new National Bank of Lumberton building, was moved back yesterday itno its former home. There may be a few other changes, but so far the writer has not heard of them. Upon the whole, it is reasonable to suppose that Lumberton is doing as well as any town of its size in the cotton belt, and at that everything is dull enough.

Hasn't Reached Wilmington Yet.

About 40 years ago an excursion was started from some point up the old Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherfordton railroad for Wilmington. It may have been from Charlotte or it may have started from some point this side of there. Anyway, after passing Lilesville the train ran into a washout, killing the engineer, Mr. John Galvin, and injuring several others, among the number being Capt. J. T. Alderman, then of Wilmington but now residing in Raleigh, where he is engaged in business, having retired from the railroad business several years ago. Among the passengers who boarded the train at Lilesville to go to Wilmington was a 13-year-old girl, who, with others from that place, walked back home after the train was wrecked. That girl, now up in the 50's, has been a resident of Lumberton for several years, but has never yet seen Wilmington. That wreck seems to have made her fear to try the trip again.

The new year was ushered in very quietly here. But for the ringing of the church bells, few people would have heard the clock strike 12 Thursday night. A few people remained up for the purpose of watching the old year out and the new year in, but all was quiet. Some of the younger set moved a few signs about from different places, but nothing was done to cause any unnecessary trouble for anyone.

Mills Making Nearly Full Time.

The new year found the cotton mills here making nearly full time and they are expected in a short while to be making full time regularly. Few of the mill employes are to be seen on the streets now except at night after they have finished their day's work. However, it is generally conceded that Lumberton has an unusually good population of cotton mill people, who don't throw away time loafing around the streets.

Last Sunday Mr. James L. Williamson completed his fifth year in attendance at the Presbyterian Sunday school without being absent a single Sunday. It is to be doubted if there are many others here who have such a record, and it is certainly one to be proud of. While Mr. Williamson belongs to the theatrical profession to which he is devoted, he is equally as much interested in his Sunday school.

Recorder Waking Up Things.

Recorder E. M. Britt is waking things up here. Where evidence in produced to convict a man, the law is given its course. As an illustration of that fact, a negro was tried this week for breaking into another negro's house and stealing a "tom thumb." One year on the road was the sentence. It was brought out in court that the negro who did the stealing did not need the meat, for he had a good paying job.

The writer was extremely sorry to hear of the passing away of Capt. Preston Cumming and Mr. Thomas G. Pickett, in Wilmington this week. They were among the best friends this correspondent had anywhere and he deplores their departure. The last time the writer was in Wilmington, it was his genuine pleasure to spend a short time with them chatting.

New Schedule Today.

New schedule goes into effect on the Seaboard tomorrow. There will be no change in train No. 19, which leaves Wilmington at 5 a. m. and passes here at 7:13. Train No. 13, which now arrives at 5:40 p. m. from Wilmington, will arrive at 7, one hour and 20 minuters later. Train No. 14 from Charlotte, due here at 9:48 a. m., will arrive at 10:35 and train No. 20 from Charlotte, due here at 9:47 p. m., will arrive at 10:05. R. & C. passenger and mail train will leave for Marion, S. C., at 10:40 a. m., and arrive from Marion at 6:40 p. m.

Lumberton has three citizens whose pictures The Star man would like to see in print. They all are married and have families. One of them has never tasted any kind of intoxicating liquor; another has never seen any kind of show, either in tent or house, and the third never lets a collector call on him the second time for the same bill. If he is satisfied a bill is correct, he invariably pays it when presented, always being prepared for such things.

Mr. and Mrs. Stinceon Powell are making arrangements to move from their home at Orrum to Lumberton early the coming week. Before marriage Mrs. Powell was Miss Cora Page, one of Lumberton's most popular young ladies, and her many friends here are delighted that she will again be at home in Lumberton.

After the longest seige of the worst weather the "oldest inhabitant" ever saw, the sun came out three or four days ago, since which time it has been fair and cold. The roads are said to be something terrible.

The sheriff has put the tax books in the hands of the township collectors, which means that something has to come.

Dr. Charles T. Harper, of Wilmington, spent a few hours here this morning.

Yesterday being a legal holiday, all the banks here were closed, also the postoffice. The banks do not get another holiday until the 19th of January, over two weeks off.

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MAKING EFFORT TO LINE UP

To Get Republicans in State to Start Campaign—Secretary Grissom Talks—Greensboro News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 2.—Secretary Gilliam Grissom, of the State Republican committee, who was here last night, said that the number of acceptances for the meeting of the State executive committee at Raleigh January 12 at 1 o'clock p. m. were running higher than in any other campaign in his knowledge. With the acceptances have come frequent expressions of desire on the part of Republicans to get together.

A general letter has been sent out from headquarters here urging that the organization for the next campaign commence. Memorandum books are being sent to many people, asking them to assist in getting workers lined up. The letter in one place says that certain "gangs" of Democrats have resorted to desperate and dishonorable means to elect heir officers.

How Guilford Saved $90,000.

The Gordon act which placed Guilford county officers on salaries during 1914 saved to the county $18,186.69, which goes to the road fund. Until eight years ago the county officers were on fees, and the act has saved in the eight years something like $90,000 to the county. The increase last year over the year before was more than $4,000 despite the fact that officers were allowed increases for clerical hire.

Paying Out Dividends.

The Greensboro banks are sending out checks for the usual semi-annual dividends. These are four per cent. and amount to about $30,000. The dividends of the various concerns in Greensboro will probably amount to $150,000, which will help a great deal in relieving the supposed financial stringency. The annual meetings of the various banks will be held next week.

WHY NAVAL STORES MADE CONTRABAND?

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cealing copper and contraband articles in cotton and other non-contraband cargoes, the following formal notice, supplementary to President Wilson's warning of last week was issued by Secretary Redfield. The attention of shippers of goods to neutral countries is called to the importance of having manifests complete and accurate. It is essential als a void mixing contraband goods in cargoes otherwise not contraband. It is alleged that some American manifests have omitted certai ncontraband goods, also that efforts have been made to conceal contraband articles of to alter their appearance so that they will be allowed to pass.

"A single case of the kind is enough to embarrass all American commerce of neutral countries by throwing doubt on the correctness of our manifests and on the neutral nature of our cargoes, thus possibly involving delay through examining cargoes, that oeherwise would be avoided."

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 2.—Nathan F. Giffin, of New York city, was re-elected worthy grand chief of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity today by the Congress in session here. Dr. H. M. Dubose, of Sewanee, Tenn., was elected worthy grand chaplain. Other officers were reelected.

St. Louis, Mo., was selected as the next meeting place.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Governor Whitman's promised investigation of expenditures in all state departments began today with the agricultural division. The inquiry will include an investigation of killing the condemned cattle. Claims against the state on this score now aggregate about $500,000.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Senator Gallinger today introduced a resolution to repeal the Underwood-Simmons tariff act and re-enact the Payne-Aldrich law "because of the pending commercial depression." He also introduced a bill for creation of a tariff board.

LOCAL DOTS.

—John Baker, white, was arrested by Policeman J. F. Jordan yesterday afternoon on a charge of disorderly conduct and when he resisted arrest was charged with resisting an officer. He was locked up at the police station.

—Vollen Stone, colored, charged with larceny by trick, was tried before Justice Harriss yesterday. Judgment was left open. Dan A. Wright, colored, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

—William Smith, an aged colored man, who was found in a half starved condition and nearly frozen by a convict on the Carolina Beach road yesterday, is at the James Walker Memorial hospital and is apparently recovering rapdly. He was nearly crazed by his experience.

—Sheriff Cowan wishes all the taxpayers a happy New Year and states that he will be pleased to have them call at his office and pay their taxes, if they have not already done so. He is now preparing the advertised list and cost can be avoided by prompt payment.

—Sergeants Howell and Grimsley of the police department were called to Carolina Heights early last night on account of the conduct of Walter Hudson, white, who appeared to be drinking and who was ill treating his wife. He is said to have been put out of the house by his son. The officers took him in charge and he was locked up on a charge of assault on female and also for being drunk.

Address by Mr. Little.

The Boys' Sunday Club will have a speaker for this afternoon, Mr. Little, a forceful and entertaining speaker to boys. A special musical programme will be rendered. At this time officers for the club will be announced. It is hoped that a large number of boys will be present at 4:45 P. M. All boys of the city are invited, whether members of the association or not.

Valdosta, Ga., Jan. 2.—The Indianapolis Federal League Club will come here in February for its spring training, according to announcement today by local baseball officials.

FORECLOSURE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by the Oceanic Hotel Company to the Southern National Bank, duly registered in Book 81, page 210 of the records of New Hanover County, the undersigned will sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover County, on Thursday the 14th day of January, 1915, at twelve o'clock M., the following described property on Wrightsville Beach, in New Hanover County, consisting of what is known as the Oceanic Hotel and property, and more definitely described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: BEGINNING at low water mark on the Atlantic Ocean where the Northern line of Lot No. 72 touches the Ocean, and runs thence Westwardly across the Beach and along the line of Lot No. 73 to low water mark of the Banks Channel or sound, thence Northwardly along low water mark of Banks Channel on the Sound 100 feet, more or less, to the southern line of Lot No. 75, thence Eastwardly along the Southern line of Lot No. 75 to low water mark of the Atlantic Ocean; thence along low water mark of the Atlantic Ocean Southwardly 100 feet, more or less, to the beginning point, and designated as Lots Nos. 73 and 74 of Wrightsville Beach.

SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the intersection of the Northern line of Lot No. 74 with the Eastern line of the right of way of the old Consolidated Railway Light & Power Company, and running thence 33 1-4 East 75 feet to the center of Lot No. 76, an iron pipe, and thence South 56 3-4 East along said center line of Lot No. 76 to the low water mark of the Atlantic Ocean, thence South 33 1-4 West along low water mark of the Ocean 75 feet to the Northern line of Lot No. 74, and thence North 56 3-4 West to the point of the beginning, and being Lot No. 75 and one-half of Lot No. 76 of Wrightsville Beach.

THIRD TRACT: BEGINNING at a stone located in the Western line of Lumina Avenue, said stone being located at the intersection of said western line of Lumina Avenue with the Southern line of Lot No. 98, in Block G., said stone at the beginning point being North 33 degrees 30 minutes East 342.15 feet from another stone which said last mentioned stone is at the intersection of the Western line of said Lumina Avenue with the line of the trestle over the Banks Channel if the said trestle were extended Eastwardly until it intersected said Lumina Avenue, and running thence along the Western line of said Lumina Avenue South 33 degrees 30 minutes west 150 feet to the present Northern line of the land of the Oceanic Hotel Company at the West side of Lumina Avenue, thence with said line in a Westwardly direction to low water mark of the Banks Channel, thence Northwardly along said low water mark of the Banks Channel to a point which is North 56 West from a stone at the beginning corner and thence South 56 degrees 30 minutes East along and with the line of said Lot 98, Block G., to the Beginning.

FOURTH TRACT: That part of Lots 76 and 77 lying East of Lumina Avenue and East of the right of way of the Tide Water Power Co., if the same be extended Northwardly to said point, BEGINNING in Eastern line of Lumina Avenue 25 feet Northwardly from its intersection, with the Southern line of Lot 76; runs Northwardly along Eastern line of Lumina Avenue 50 feet; thence in an Eastwardly direction and parallel with the Southern line of Lot 76 to low water mark of the Ocean; thence to the center of said lot 76 at a point 25 feet North of the Southern line of said lot; thence Westwardly parallel with said Southern line of said lot to the Beginning, being part of Lot No. 76 and half of Lot No. 77 according to the plan of Wrightsville Beach.

FIFTH TRACT: BEGINNING at a stone in the Western line of Lumina Avenue located at a point 342.15 feet North 33 degrees 30 minutes East from another stone, which latter stone is at the intersection of the Western line of Lumina Avenue with the line of the trestle over the Banks Channel if the same were extended Eastwardly until it intersected Lumina Avenue; runs thence North 56 degrees 30 minutes West 224.59 feet; thence 25 degrees 10 minutes East 150.66 feet to a stone; thence North 31 degrees East 100.16 feet to another corner; thence South 56 degrees 30 minutes East 245.8 feet to another corner; thence South 56 degrees 30 minutes East along Western line of Lumina Avenue 250 feet to the Beginning, being Lots 90, 92, 64, 96 and 98 as shown on the official map of Wrightsville Beach Extension.

SIXTH: Also all the personal property of the Oceanic Hotel Company, being all the bed room furniture; all office furniture; all kitchen furniture; all dining room furniture, and any and all other personal property of the said Oceanic Hotel situated in the hotel at Wrightsville Beach, and all personal property belonging to the said hotel company.

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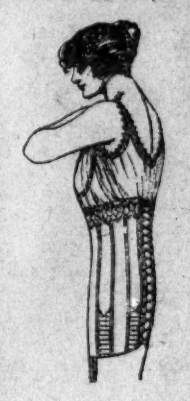

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THE SOUTHERN NEGRO AND MISSION WORK IN AFRICA

The New Voice in Race Adjustment—Laymen and Missions. Interesting Letter from Constantinople—Our Oldest Mission—Presbyterians in China—Arabic Press in Cairo.

(By Ida Clyde Clarke.)

"Recruiting negro students, men and women, for missionary service in Africa," was one of the great topics presented at the Negro Student conference in Atlanta recently. The commission presenting this report was composed of Dr. Frank K. Saunders, Prof. Harlin P. Beecon, of Yale University; Right Rev. Theodore T. Benton, bishop of Missippi; Dr. S. H. Chester, of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. James H. Franklin, of Boston; Bishop W. R. Lambuth, of Tenn.; Major Rob't R. Moton, of Hampton Institute; Bishop I. B. Scott, of Africa.

This commission spent several months prior to the meeting of the student convention in the investigation of missionary facts touching the negro church of the south and were able to show the opportunities which are now offered the negro students. They faced very frankly the difficulties in the service which negroes render in Africa, but they also held the hope that the negro students would rise to the demands which Africa places upon them. The greatest of all difficulties is in the quality of men and women who offer for service, therefore the first need is to deepen the spiritual apprehension of the work in the fields and to furnish the moral motive necessary for the heroic service of missionaries.

One of the most stimulating of all the addresses was that delivered by Dr. John R. Mott on a world view in which he lifted the horizon of negro students above that of local conditions and stimulated them to attend to a world situation. The hope of the negro church in the South is its broad horizon and great spiritual earnestness.

A volume of great value and striking interest has just been compiled which contains the addresses delivered at the Atlanta conference. Prof. A. M. Trawick, secretary in the student department of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., compiled and edited the volume. Among the contributors are W. D. Weatherford, Ph.D.; John R. Mott, LL. D.; Booker T. Washington, LL. D.; Egbert W. Smith, D. D.; E. M. Poteat, Dr. J. D. Hammond; Bishop J. C. Hartzell, Prof. John W. Gilbert, Dr. G. C. Winton; Frank K. Sanders.

Laymen and Missions.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Bryce, Lord Lamington, Sir John Kennaway, Sir Albert Spicer, Sir Ernest Satow and other well-known English laymen, have addressed an "open letter" to the laymen of the Christian church in Great Britain, respecting the missionary enterprise.

"The present position of the work in the great mission fields is startling indeed," says this communication. "After long years of patient labor a period has been reached, fruitful beyond all expectation, of missionary success and opportunity. The tides which are moving in the east will wait for no man, and not even the absorbing claims of the great war can absolve the church from its responsibility for giving the gospel to the non-Christian people in this momentous hour in their long history. In face of the stress and pressure and unknown anxieties of the coming months, it seems plain that unless Christian laymen will shoulder the burden there may ensue grave disaster to the enterprise."

They close with an appeal to laymen to rally closely around their missionary societies at this time, to find their needs, and to see that these are met.

Letter From Constantinople.

The following from a missionary in Constantinople gives a splendid idea of existing conditions in Turkey:

"Now that Turkey has been drawn into the war, it is forbidden to write any letters in languages other than French, Turkish or German, and these must be left open for the censor. The ambassador, however, allows us to send American letters in his pouch.

"I do not know whether we shall be allowed to receive letters or not. We have had no mail for a week, and the papers are only allowed to publish such war news as the military staff gives out. You probably know more than we do about the course of the war, for we do not place much confidence in the tidings of uninterrupted victories which are served out to us.

"Yesterday the police placed a cordon around Robert College and said they must search for wireless telegraph apparatus. I told them I would facilitate their search in every way I could. I showed them all our instruments—and conducted them around the buildings. They became very much interested in the college. I heard one say: "This is a very well ordered school." Another said: "This is the biggest school in the country."

"The inspector himself grew very affable, apologized many times for the trouble he was giving us, and, when he left, he took my hand and said: "In my opinion, your office is greater than that of a king." I could easily have had a row with them, but I treated them nicely, and they responded at once in kind."

"This afternoon we had a vesper service. At the close I found a policeman waiting to inquire what this theater was which we were holding. Fortunately an army officer was present. I turned to him and said: "You were present, explain to this man what you have seen and heard." Then I told the policeman to present my salaams to the commissionaire and say to him that we hold these services once a month, and I should be much pleased if he would honor us with his presence and see for himself what it is.

"It seems a Russian is using wireless telegraph somewhere on the upper Bosphorus, and the police are trying to locate him.

"The position of our college seems secure. The ambassador thinks we shall not be molested in any way. The changes in the Turkish government are often kaleidoscopic, and they are now somewhat under foreign influence, but the Supreme Control changes not, and we are content to leave our cause to the King of kings. I am very anxious that we should get a spiritual blessing out of this. Surely, now, if ever, we ought to draw near to God."

Our Oldest Mission.

"The oldest of our missionary societies, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," says Dr. Wardlaw Thompson, "was founded in 1701 during a period in which we were at war with France, and when a French invasion was seriously threatened. The twenty-five years from 1790-1815, which covered the immense revolutionary and Napoleonic struggle, were the years in which most of our great Protestant missionary societies were founded. The Baptist Missionary Society was founded in 1702; the London Missionary Society in 1795; the Edinburgh and Glasgow Missionary societies in 1799; the Religious Tract Society in 1799; and the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1804; and there was a great and growing activity in foreign missionary service amongst the Wesleyan Methodists under the leadership of Dr. Coke, issuing in the formation of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in 1813."

Dr. Thompson shows that at the close of the last three English wars — the Crimean, the Indian mutiny, and the South African—the missionary societies emerged with still stronger resources. His conclusion is that the country can, if it will, face the pressure of the present war without damage to the missionary societies.

Presbyterians in China.

Nearly all Presbyterian churches in China are united in six synods which have a total membership of nearly 60,000. The union of the Presbyterian churches — American Presbyterian, north and south, Reformed, Scotch, Irish, English, Canadian—was accomplished without opposition, authorizing a "Council of the Presbyterian Churches in China." At the meeting in Tsinanfu, May 13-16, 1914, it was agreed that the time had come for taking steps toward the organization of a general assembly.

It is worthy of note that the council disavows any desire to accentuate Presbyterianism in this union of the various branches of the Presbyterian church in China.

A Beautiful Gift.

Mrs. T. S. Pond, Caracas, Venezuela, as treasurer of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church in Caracas, writes:

"It is my pleasant duty to tell you that by the mail that takes this letter the treasurer of our mission is sending the board the sum of $25 gold. This is a contribution from our church and Christian Endeavor society to the Presbyterian board of foreign missions of the U. S. A. This may not seem to the board a very large sum, but if you refer to my letter telling of the conditions here and the poverty of the people, and also when you know that this is an extra—not interfering with the regular contributions, which instead of falling off have rather increased during the past six months, I think you will agree with me that our people have done well.

"The plan of laying aside each week something for this gift to the board was thought of and proposed by our Elder Senor Roldan, six months ago. The offerings were brought at our consecration meeting the first Monday in October. After the devotional exercises and roll call, Senor Roldan took up the collection, which was consecrated to the Lord's use in prayer, after which the money was counted, and the amount announced to the congregation.

"Our people are now planning for a regular contribution to the board and will at once begin their saving for this object.

"The lighting of the church, which costs $30 a year, is paid for by the people; they also subscribe for a religious periodical for distribution, which costs $15 a year; they provide the hymn books and Bibles for use in church and Sunday school, and the rest of their contributions are devoted to any object, approved and voted for by all.

'From the founding of our church the duty and privilege of giving has been ever kept before the people. It has been impressed upon them that giving was a part of worship.

"May not this little offering be so blessed that it may go further and accomplish more than much larger gifts that have cost the givers less?"

Arabic Press in Cairo.

A most important and useful branch of mission work is being carried on by the Nile Mission Press under the superintendency of Mr. Arthur T. Upson, late of the North Africa mission. In 1902 the need for such a publishing house, in order to produce Arabic literature, was made plain to Mr. Upson. He therefore, on his retirement from the North Africa mission, in1903, set about holding meetings in England with the object of raising funds for the establishment of the Nile Mission Press. By February, 1905, his aim had proved successful, and premises were established in Cairo and the distribution of literature amongst the Moslem world began in real earnest. A beginning was made with one colporteur; at the present day 15 colporteurs are engaged in this work. In 1913, 123,000 books or eight-page tracts were distributed, and publications in the Arabic tongue are circulated to nearly 40 different lands.

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Lesson II.—First Quarter, For Jan. 10, 1915.

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Text of the Lesson, Judg. iv, 4-16. Memory Verses, 14, 15—Golden Text, Ps. xxxiv, 17—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The one great aim of God in His word is that we may know Him and let Him through us make Him known to others, those who will not read His word being able to read of Him in our lives. For that end He chose Israel and brought them unto Himself that they might be unto Him a kingdom of priests, ministering unto Him and finding in Him their inheritance (Ex. xix, 4-6; II Sam. vii, 23; Ps. cxlvii, 20). The end of the story, after centuries of failure on man's part, will be that Israel shall know Him as never before, and all nations shall know Him through Israel (Ezek. xxxvii, 21, 22, 28; xxxix, 7, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29; xliii, 7; Jer. iii, 17).

In all the past history of the world since Adam sinned, whether before the call of Abram or since the birth of Israel as a nation or during the present age of gathering a people for His name from all nations, those who have known Him have been comparatively few, the vast majority doing what seemed right in their own eyes, which is always evil in the eyes of the Lord (Judg. iii, 7, 12; iv, 1; xvii, 6; xxi, 25).

The Lord is always looking over the whole earth to find any one who is whole hearted for Him, who will walk before Him and be sincere, as He exhorted Abram to do (II Chron. xvi, 9; Gen. xvii, 1). To that end He is ever proving His people to see if they will turn to Him alone or to their own thoughts and ways (Deut. viii, 2, 3, 16; Judg. ii, 22; iii, 1, 4; Isa. lv, 8, 9), and His cry ever is, "Oh, that my people had hearkened unto me and Israel had walked in my ways!" (Ps. lxxxi, 13.) So full of compassion is He that when people are in trouble because of their sin if they turn to Him with the whole heart He hears them and sends deliverance (Judg. ii, 16; iii, 9, 15, 31). The rest which He gave Israel from time to time (chapter iii, 11, 30) might have been theirs all the time if they had not turned to their own ways.

Our lesson today shows us the Lord delivering by the hand of a woman, Deborah, the prophetess, and also using another woman who feared God more than man and preferred to stand with God at any cost, Jael, the wife of Heber, the Kenite (chapter iv, 4, 5, 17, 21). Let the sisters note for their encouragement the stories of Huldah, the prophetess; Priscilla, the teacher; the daughters of Philip, the host of women who publish the word of God and those women laborers in the gospel whose names are in the book of life (II Kings xxii, 14; Acts xviii, 26; xxi, 8, 9; Ps. lxviii, 11, R. V.; Phil. iv, 3). Let the brethren be better believers than Barak, who said that he would not go unless Deborah went with him (verses 8, 9). Yet Barak is mentioned among the men of faith in Heb. xi. Oh, how great is the grace of God, which uses such weak ones as we are and gives us credit for what He Himself does in and through us!

Note in lesson, verses 7, 14, 15, 23, that it was the Lord's victory and deliverance, and so they sang of it in chapter v, 2, 3. There was just one thing that Israel did that was worth mentioning—they willingly offered themselves (verses 2, 9), and this reminds us of I Chron. xxix, 9, 17; II Chron. xvii, 16; II Cor. viii, 12; Ex. xxv, 2; xxxv, 29, and of the question in I Chron. xxix, 5. There were some who came not at all to help, and a curse was pronounced upon them (verse 23). What about the many professing Christians today who do nothing whatever to help deliver the oppressed from the power of the enemy? May there be great searchings of heart (verses 15, 16) and a readiness to say, "Thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my Lord the king shall appoint," "For any manner of service * * * wholly at thy comandment" (II Sam. xv, 15; I Chron. xxviii, 21). Some jeoparded their lives unto the death, as did three of David's mighty men and as we are commanded to do (verse 18; II Sam. xxiii, 17; Rev. ii, 10).

The saying in chapter v, 12, "Lead thy captivity captive," makes us think of Ps. lxviii, 18; Eph. iv, 8, and of Him of whom all deliveries were the faintest foreshadowings. The desire that those who love Him should be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might (verse 31) makes us think of the great morning of victory, when He shall finally deliver Israel, make wars to cease and the righteous shall shine forth as the sun (II Sam. xxiii, 3, 4; Ps. xlvi, 5, margin, 9; Mal. iv, 2; Matt. xiii, 43). Then shall all the enemies of the Lord perish and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, and there shall be rest everywhere (Ps. cii, 15, 16; civ, 35; Rev. xi, 15, 18; xix, 1-6). Our Lord is still calling for followers, for such as will love Him more than all others, or even their own lives. He is saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and He will gladly welcome all who willingly say, "Here am I, Send me!" (Isa. vi, 8).

The present European conflict will probably lead to the recognition of Israel as a nation. We are seemingly at the beginning of the end of the times of the gentiles.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1914.

Some men don't own a foot of ground but are always furnishing the detectives with good friends for suspicion.

A great many ticklish scores will remain to be settled long after the war in Europe. Some of them may be loaded.

The Turks haven't confirmed a single report of their defeat since they started in with the idea of licking Russia while she is otherwise engaged.

Says an exchange: "North Carolina depends on her young men." However she does not depend on as many of them as depend on her.

Says the Jacksonville Times-Union: "A thing to be remembered—1915." How about that old thing we called 1914? Don't we have cause to remember it?

The "dreadnaughts" probably were named before they heard of such a dreadful thing as a submarine or some old slouching mine that bobs along with the tide.

A New Orleans newspaper man is going to marry Speaker Champ Clark's charming daughter. Some newspaper men are never satisfied till they get a scoop on all the rest.

A South Carolina editor claims that he was robbed of $8 during the holidays. That probably means that he lost 50 cents of his own and $7.70 which he was keeping for somebody else.

If Governor Colquitt, of Texas, thought anything of himself before he attacked the Wilson administration, he ought to read the newspapers to find out how greatly he had overestimated himself.

Again it is reported in Chicago that the Kaiser has suffered a relapse and is in a dangerous condition. Somebody must want some excuse for bearing down the price of wheat. The price seems to be regulated by the health of Emperor William.

Mr. Vic Dockery insists that the Republican party in North Carolina is dead. It is to be hoped so, but it isn't a good idea to believe it is dead and gone where it is going to, till its ghost quits stalking around. Keep on swatting the corpse.

Kansas politics used to depend on the wheat crop. If there were a big crop and prices were good, Kansas felt justified in going Republican. If prices were low and times were hard, Kansas decided that Populism was better than Republicanism.

The British dreadnaught Formidable might have been nothing but a 15-year-old ship worth only a paltry $5,000,000, but think of the 600 souls who went down with the cheap old thing! The loss of a year old ship worth $10,000,000 would not outweigh the loss of 600 human lives.

Two hogs producing 350 pounds of meat, only 175 pounds each, sold at 10 cents per pound wholesale, will bring in more net cash than a 500 pound bale of cotton at 7 cents a pound. Furthermore, it is easier to raise two such hogs than it is to produce a bale of cotton and there are farmers who are demonstrating that it costs less to raise a pound of meat than it does to grow a pound of cotton. Since this is absolutely true, why is cotton?

Captain John A. Parker, who has been elected president of the Greater Charlotte Club, used to be a Harnett county boy. We don't know why Harnett did not nail him down so he couldn't get away to go to Charlotte and be one of the Queen City's constructive men. However, it is quite natural for the Parker class of men to gravitate towards the centers of potential activity. Each county will have to do its best in order to keep its good men from leaving it for another field. In a sense, every city and every community has to compete with others in holding on to its live wires and in drawing on other localities for their very best men.

WORKING FOR THE WORLD WITHOUT WAGES.

Since Southern farmers do not care to grow anything which costs them more in the outlay for production than they sell it for, it does not seem reasonable that any argument would be necessary to induce them this year to cut down the acreage which was devoted to cotton growing last year. The general proposition now is that they should put only half of last year's acreage in cotton this year, and even that is not an inviting proposition, unless it is a good gamble.

The gamble is planting for a half crop, or say, 8,000,000 bales, with the expectation that the price will be above 7 1-2 cents per pound, the present average price. However, as it costs 8.41 cents per pound to make cotton, where would the farmer come out next October if the price should not get above 7 1-4 cents or even 8.41—the actual cost of production?

Thus the proposition of even half a crop of cotton is not a very attractive proposition. Certainly growing cotton at 8.41 and getting back the cost of production would mean a lot of work for not a cent. Suppose cotton would even bring 10 cents this fall—the profit would be only 1.59 cents per pound, so that a 500-pound bale produced on one acre of land, say, would yield the grower less than $8. Twenty bushels of corn grown on the same acre, with an accompanying crop of peas, would pay far better.

As the Columbia State puts it: "For Southern people to plant a large acreage in cotton this year will be for them to go into voluntary servitude. It will be for them to agree to work for the rest of the world without wages, and they have sense enough not to do it." It would seem so, but that remains to be seen. It has heretofore been to the interest of cotton growers to cut down the acreage, and they have actually agreed to do it after bitter experience and convincing campaigning, only to go right on in the spring and plant nearly as much or more cotton than they did before.

By invitation, we once attended a Farmers' Union meeting and after earnest discussion by all present, every one signed an agreement to curtail one-fourth their acreage. At cotton planting time, one farmer slipped around and found out that every one had increased his acreage.

That year brought a bumper crop and low prices, so nearly all Southern cotton growers must have done exactly like the members of that Union. The fact is, every one believed that the acreage would be largely reduced, so it wouldn't hurt if he planted just a little bit more.

With experiences like that, it takes a considerable amount of argument to warn cotton growers that if they do like they have done in the past they surely will get left next fall.

Most any farmer ought to know at this time that with cotton selling at 7 1-4 cents, it would pay to raise beans rather than grow cotton at less than it costs to produce it. The beans surely would bring something over the cost of production.

The State paper is about right in saying that growing cotton at less than it costs to do it would be working for the world without wages.

WILL WE TRY TO GET SETTLERS?

It is said that 1,500,000 Belgians are war refugees and are to be homeseekers in America or some other portion of the world. If Eastern North Carolina could get 100,000 of them it would rapidly bring out the finest possibilities of this garden spot section of the South. If we could get only 5,000 it would help, but we are not likely to get any if we don't organize colonization schemes and farms companies so they can operate on a large and practical scale for the settlement of whole communities.

These homeless people need lands to cutlivate and houses in which to live, but the land question is not such an important one as the housing question. If we want to secure settlers and home owners instead of tenants, we will have to organize movements with propositions and inducements in them. A mere desire for settlers and indefinite invitations to newcomers won't get any. That hasn't gotten any yet and it never will, so if we are in earnest about securing settlers for Eastern North Carolina we will have to work on different lines from any we have thought we were following.

The Rev. Dr. Macfadyen, of London, recently told us in a lecture in Wilmington that the British government itself is interested in settling the Belgians where it is certain they will succeed. There isn't any chance of dumping them down in the woods without homes and without a start, so ife we are going to speak for immigrants we will necessarily be compelled to back up our invitation with propositions. If we are going to do that, it is time we were going to work.

Capital, farming lands and homes that are not shacks will get settlers, and a hundred or more farms companies and many large colonization schemes are required to do the business. They have done it in other parts of the country where the opportunities and advantages were not near equal to those in Eastern North Carolina.

Only a few of our people are in earnest about the matter of securing immigration. Others are looking on. They should join those who are at work along practical lines, or get busy themselves in order to take advantage of an opportunity that may not come in a hundred years or may never come again.

If we propose to do anything in getting Belgians or any other settlers we ought to "strike while the iron's hot." We can do a great constructive work for Eastern North Carolina by getting busy—not sooner or later but right now.

If we want to make North Carolinians out of many Belgians, we ought to go to work like we are afraid they will go further South or be more than likely to go to the West or to Canada. It is a competitive endeavor, but if we expect to compete with live people all over America, we had better have some plans and propositions as good as the best of them. Will somebody start something or not?

Will we continue to want homeseekers or will we try to get them and do it?

SOUTHERN WATER GROUND MEAL.

The Star rejoices to see the water mills of North Carolina getting busy. It is evidence of the fact that the farmers are growing corn, and one of the results is that the corn growing industry starts the old corn mills to running or causes new ones to be built. For their part, the corn mills give the farmers an opportunity to have their corn manufactured into meal and grits and stock feed, while the milling industry creates a home market for all the surplus corn of a neighborhood. Thus we note that one industry starts another allied to it and each sustains the other and adds to both the agricultural, industrial and commercial life of a community.

You can't get around the related factors involved in doing things, for it is an old and truthful saying that "one thing brings on another." It might also be said that one thing depends on another, since we observe that a corn mill becomes a quiet, melancholy picture without corn to keep it busy, while the mill does its part in manufacturing a home product, from home material and keeps the neighborhood money in the neighborhood. A good grist mill in a community is more important than one would conceive without first stopping to think about it.

There are many advantages in having a good grist mill in a neighborhood, not the least of which is it assures the highest quality of meal for the corn bread, corn pone, corn muffins and the original Aunt Jemima "flannel battercakes" made from good sweet meal. In the home ground meal we have all the nutritious elements of the native corn which matures fully during our long growing season and is dried in the fields by nature's process. We don't have to eat the musty meal made from immature Western corn which often has to be dried in a kiln. We don't have to eat meal ground from corn which gets damp, and heats and musts when loaded in bulk in damp or close cars hauled for a thousand miles.

A good judge of pure and wholesome and healthful corn meal knows that he can not get the best quality meal from the great commercial mills which process all the quality out of it. They strip the grain of its sugar, its starch and its protein and the glucose and starch factories get the best of the corn quality, while consumers of the ordinary commercial meal get the tasteless, lifeless product for bread. Meal ground from musty Western corn or process meal which heats and sours may not cause pellagra but it is bound to prove deleterious to even the bread-basket of an ostrich.

Not so with home ground meal, manufactured from field dried Southern corn. It is not so with grits manufactured from the corn grown in the South—nature's own corn growing region, according to the lamented Dr. Knapp. For that reason we like to hear of the starting up of the old Colly Mill in Pender county, a water mill that was doing service during the Revolutionary War. That mill is older than the great American Republic, and the last time we saw it the juniper colored waters of the quaint, picturesque pond were wasting with a rush on towards Black river, while the old mill was as quiet and gloomy as a haunted castle.

The old Colly Mill is now rumbling away, and its enterprising owner, Mr. B. F. Keith, is not only doing custom grinding for all the Colly Swamp country but is placing water ground meal on the market. It is put up in convenient packages for the Wilmington trade, and as the mill has a capacity for grinding 100 or more bushels of corn per day it can supply a large local demand. Every farmer up in the Colly section grows corn, for that is where the rich reclaimed swamp lands grow from 60 to 100 bushels of corn without fertilizer of any kind. Corn on the swamp lands of the Keiths, Corbetts and other Colly farmers grows stocky and the fields look black when the crop is growing. Late in the season the pea vines mat themselves all over the fields, and it's "a sight" to see the crops nearing the harvest time.

Every time we think of it we contemplate the possibilities of such Eastern North Carolina lands. They would produce enough pumpkins, carrots, forage and other feed to make cattle and hog raising the crowning economic feature of the farm operations of that wonderfully fertile section. The incidental grazing advantages are great, while the land adaptabilities for cultivated pasture areas are simply immense.

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By the election of Capt. John A. Parker to be president of the Greater Charlotte Club this noon the membership of that organization has demonstrated its knowledge of conditions and men. Equipped with all the necessary factors for the making of a great leader, the new president combines in himself those additional qualities, the possession of which means so much in a position such as that to which he has been elected. The present year is going to be a trying period for all classes of endeavor and that of commercial organizations is no exception. Therefore the selection of a presiding officer for the Greater Charlotte Club very properly engaged the best there is in the membership, and after canvassing the entire city their unanimous choice fell upon this well known young attorney, possessed of civic pride and high ideals of patriotism as pertain to his city as well as State and Nation. The new president is a man who has risen both in his profession and the estimation of his fellow men by and through his own merits. Influence has never been called upon to raise him to greater heights than his worth indicated and time and again the honor has sought the man, as it has in this case.—Charlotte News.

CHARLES GORE IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN A HOSPITAL.

Bowden Man Shot in Head as Result of Rivalry Over Girl.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Jan. 2.—Charles Gore was taken to a hospital last night in a critical condition with a gun-shot wound in his head said to have been inflicted by Louis Anderson, at Bowden, because Gore threatened to kill Anderson's sister, it is alleged, if she went with another certain man to a dance. Both men, said to be lovers of the girl, were at the Anderson home on Wednesday night, according to the report, and Gore's rival, who is named Coleman, is said to have invited the girl to go with him to a dance at a neighboring house, whereupon Gore is alleged to have threatened to kill the girl if she went with Coleman.

The girl's brother advised her that she could go if she wished and she prepared to go with Coleman. Gore then advanced toward her in a threatening way, according to the report, but was met by the brother, who is alleged to have fired the contents of a gun into his forehead. The attending physician is said to have stated that the wounded man's condition is precarious.

JUDGE GEORGE W. CONNOR IS NOT SERIOUSLY ILL.

But in Need of Weeks of Absolute Rest. In Johns Hopkins Hospital.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Jan. 2.—Judge George W. Connor is at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, under the care of physicians and the many friends of the family here were rejoiced Friday when information came that Judge Connor was not seriously ill but in need of absolute rest for a few weeks. The past year has been a strenuous year for Judge Connor, as he was compelled by circumstances to hold several extra terms of court.

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Many Contributions to Katherine Kennedy Home During Month.

Donations to the Katherine Kennedy Home during the month of December were as follows: Mrs. Everett, sugar; Mrs. Marcus Jacobi, milk; a friend, coffee; Mrs. Tom Bagley, groceries; St. John's League, candy; Mr. Gaylord, two cords of wood; German-American Alliance, ice cream; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, vegetables and groceries; Mr. Honnet, furniture; Mrs. L. K. Taylor, preserves; Mrs. A. Shrier, $5; Mr. Haughton James, $12.50; Mr. Gaylord, a turkey; Mr. Alex Yeager, merchandise; Mr. Phil Pearsall, box raisins; Mr. H. C. McQueen, turkey; Mr. J. M. Solky, turkey; Mrs. R. W. Williams, apples; Miss Sue Hall, cake; Mrs. W. E. Etheridge, oranges; from the Masonic dinner, fruit punch and cake; Mrs. Don MacRae, Christmas basket; Tuesday afternoon social, $5; Kress & Co., books; Mr. J. M. Solky, magazines; Mrs. Gleaves, oranges; Miss Lula Shelly, glassware; Mrs. Sam Bear, confectionery.

In addition to the above donations, the Willing Workers of the First Presbyterian church gave a very enjoyable entertainment at the home, and also a large donation. The Girls' Friendly Society of the Church of the Good Shepherd and the choir gave a serenade at the home Christmas eve.

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STACY FAVORS GENUINE CITY MANAGER PLAN

May Introduce Such a Bill in Legislature.

Would Have Five Councilmen and Mayor and Let Them Appoint a City Manager—Outline of the Idea Considered.

Representative W. P. Stacy, who leaves tomorrow night for Raleigh to attend the caucuses Tuesday preliminary to the organization of the General Assembly when it convenes Wednesday, still favors the adoption of an entirely new City Charter, and instead of an elective city manager plan, as he was first inclined to favor, he is now heartily in favor of the genuine city manager plan, with an elective mayor and City Council and an appointive City Manager.

Mr. Stacy has reached the conclusion that such a plan offers the most desirable form of city government only after giving the matter a careful and exhaustive study. For several weeks he has been engaged in studying the charters of the various cities with commission or city manager forms of government. The plan he favors is that now in operation in Dayton, Ohio; Hickory, N. C.; Sumter, S. C., and other progressive towns and cities, and in each instance it has proved the most satisfactory form of city government ever tried.

Mr. Stacy has not yet fully made up his mind as to whether or not he will introduce a bill in the Lower House to give Wilmington such a form of government. He stated to a Star representative yesterday that as yet he had not discussed the matter with Senator W. B. Cooper, and that he did not know whether Mr. Cooper would favor such a plan or not.

Mr. Stacy believes that if any change at all is to be made in the city government plan, it will be best to have an entire new charter rather than to attempt to patch up the present City Charter.

As outlined yesterday, Mr. Stacy's idea would be to divide the city into six wards, basing the ward lines on some logical and orderly plan, each entitled to one Councilman. Then, let the Councilman receiving the highest vote in the election serve as Mayor, or presiding officer of the Council, which would be a legislative body. This Council would have the power to appoint a City Manager, and also the power to fix his salary.

A nominal salary of say $1,200 a year, Mr. Stacy believes, would be sufficient for the Mayor under this form of government, and as for the Councilmen he thinks $25 a month would be ample salary for them.

The City Manager would be in charge of the combined departments of the city government and responsible for the proper administration of the departments. Council would have the power to remove him from office at any time his work was not satisfactory.

As to the amount of salary to be paid the City Manager, Mr. Stacy stated yesterday that he was not prepared to make any suggestion. Dayton, Ohio, he said, paid its City Manager $12,500 a year, and saved money by so doing. Sumter, S. C., pays its City Manager $3,600 a year, and Mr. Stacy recalled that Sumter came to Wilmington to get its manager, who is Col. W. F. Robertson, formerly of this city.

Mr. Stacy thinks that if such a plan is adopted it would be well to elect three members of Council to serve two years and three members for four years, in order that at no time would Council be composed entirely of inexperienced men. By following this plan, three members of Council would be elected every two years. The term of office of the City Manager, he thinks, should be left to Council to fix.

In discussing the need for a more efficient form of City Government, Mr. Stacy pointed out that at the end of the fiscal year there will be a deficit of probably $75,000, and that the city's floating indebtedness will probably have to be bounded. A continuation of such methods, Mr. Stacy says, will eventually bankrupt the city. He believes that efficient city government and politics cannot go hand in hand, and that the city manager plan is the one best adapted to removing the administration of the city's business affairs from the influences of politics. Such a plan makes it possible for a city to employ a man solely on the grounds of his qualifications and abilities, and Mr. Stacy can see no reason why these qualities should stand for less in the administration of a city's business than they would in the affairs of any other corporation.

FEDERAL VETERAN DEAD.

Well Known in Wilmington—Died at Home in Utica, N. Y.

Miss Jessie M. Monroe, daughter of Capt. W. P. Monroe, received a letter yesterday announcing the death of Maj. David B. Magill, of Utica, N. Y. Major Magill was a member of the 117th regiment of Federal troops in the War Between the States and took part in the siege and subsequent capture of Fort Fisher. He visited Wilmington years ago on the occasion of the reunion of the veterans who were at Fort Fisher.

He made many friends in Wilmington and one to whom he was particularly devoted was Miss Monroe. He died on Wednesday of last week and the funeral was conducted from his home yesterday afternoon.

Fearless and daring, he was in the thickest of all the engagements in which his regiment participated, including the attack on Fort Fisher, one of the fiercest and hardest battles of the war. While leading a handful of his men in front of the fort he was severely wounded, losing a leg. His devoted wife, whom he had married the day before leaving home to go to the front, came South to nurse him back to health again. While still in a hospital he was promoted to brevet major by the Secretary of War for meritorious service. When he returned fifty years after to take part in the reunion he laughingly told his comrades that he had come back to find the leg which he had left behind.

Meets Tomorrow Evening.

Concord Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will resume its labors Monday evening at 8 o'clock. No degree work has been done since before Christmas, but the new year opens with a number of candidates who are waiting for degrees and the chapter will give work each Monday evening through the winter months. The Companions are enthusiastic and expect to make this year the best in the history of the Chapter.

SCHOOLS OPEN TOMORROW

Prospects for Increased Enrollment for Spring Term—Several New Buildings Completed.

The schools of Wilmington and New Hanover county open again tomorrow morning at the usual hour, after a vacation of ten days for the Christmas holidays. The janitors in the city schools have been about the busiest people in Wilmington during the Christmas season, cleaning up and renovating the buildings. The premises of many of the county school buildings have also been cleaned up during the vacation period.

With the new Hemenway building completed, there will be ample room for all the school children for the first time in five years. The outlook for a successful spring term is very bright indeed, Superintendent Blair stated yesterday, and there will no doubt be an increased enrollment.

The floors of all the city school buildings have been oiled and the rooms in which there are flowers have been heated during the holidays. The furnace in the new Hemenway building has been kept going every day for the last three weeks, so as to have the walls thoroughly dried out when school opens. The new desks have been set up and everything has been put in order. It is expected that all the teachers and the pupils of this school will meet promptly at the regular hour tomorrow morning at the new building.

A deep well has been sunk at the Hemenway and the analyses of samples of the water from the well by the Health Department shows that it is the best that has so far been submitted.

Owing to some details that are yet to be finished at the Williston colored school, the pupils will assemble in the old building, corner Seventh and Ann streets, tomorrow morning. The new building will be ready for occupancy within a week.

Opening of County Schools.

All the teachers of the county schools have returned from their holiday vacation, said Prof. Washington Catlett yesterday, and everything is in readiness for the opening tomorrow morning. The annex to the Winter Park school is rapidly approaching completion and will be ready for occupancy on January 11th. The new building for the Myrtle Grove district is now in course of construction and will be ready for use by February 1st. All these buildings have been planned by competent architects and have been provided with every convenience.

The septic tanks which were ordered to be installed several weeks ago are being rapidly placed in all the schools of the county, both white and colored. When this work is completed the New Hanover schools will be provided with the most sanitary conveniences of any county in the State and possibly in the South. The tanks are being installed in accordance with specifications provided by the Health Department, which have been approved by the National Board of Health.

"THE DODGE" IS HERE

First Showing of Motor Car Sensation at MacMillan's Monday.

The first showing of the Dodge Brothers' motor car, heralded widely at the opening of the season as the "car of mystery" is here and will have its first showing at the selected agency, MacMillan's garage, on Monday. The first of the demonstration cars arrived yesterday and will be on the sales floor of the garage tomorrow, Mr. MacMillan inviting the general public to call and inspect the new car.

Timken bearings throughout, full-floating rear axle, with an approximate weight of only 2,200 pounds and at the price of $785 f. o. b., Detroit, the new car promises to attract wide attention in the local trade. Mr. MacMillan invites those interested to ask for a demonstration.

NOW GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. W. E. Price Supervising Wilmington Beach Corporation Affairs.

Mr. W. E. Price, formerly business manager of the Wilmington Beach Corporation, has been made general manager, succeeding Mr. C. E. Greenamyer, who recently resigned to remove to New York city.

Mr. Price is an able and energetic business man and has a wide experience in the development of residential suburbs and resort properties. His work as business manager of the Wilmington Beach Corporation has fitted him for the general supervision of the company's affairs. He has made many friends since coming to Wilmington, all of whom will congratulate him on his elevation to the position which he now occupies.

ARRESTED ON OLD CHARGE.

Leslie Turnage, Young White Man, Carried to Kinston by Officers.

Charged with having blinded a policeman at Kinston nearly two years ago while resisting arrest, Leslie Turnage, a young white man, was arrested at Front and Princess streets yesterday morning by Constable John H. Davis. While greatly surprised when informed that he was under arrest, he made no resistance. He was taken to Kinston yesterday afternoon by Constable Davis and Mr. H. Mack Godwin.

Turnage has a wife and child and has been living on Cowan street. He is a carpenter, but has not been working recently. Mr. Godwin notified the Kinston chief of police of his presence in the city and after talking with him over the 'phone a warrant was sworn out before Justice Harriss.

SPECIAL EPIPHANY SERVICES.

Church of Good Shepherd Will Have Impressive Observance.

Special Epiphany services will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be an address by Archdeacon Thos. P. Noe and a special feature will be the presentation and the lighting of candles which proved to be such an impressive part of the service at this church last Epiphany. It is expected that there will be in attendance several of the Bishops and prominent clergymen, who will be in Wilmington on that day to attend the consecration services at St. James' Episcopal church.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the Church of the Good Shepherd this morning at 11 o'clock. Archdeacon Noe will have charge of the services and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Monday and Tuesday, two days to clean up all winter ready-to-wear at one-half price, at Polvogt's. (Advertisement.)

SCHOONER'S CARGO SHIFTED

Lumber Laden Vessel Suffered in Recent Gale and is Now Reloading at Southport.

Leaking and with her deck load of lumber shifted which caused a bad list to the vessel, the schooner Thomas Windsmore, en route from Charleston to New York with a cargo of lumber, put into Southport yesterday to reload her shifted deck cargo and make repairs.

Encountering the recent spell of bad weather while coming up the coast, the Thomas Windsmore suffered some damage, the delay for reloading, however, being her greatest loss. It will take several days for reloading, after which her voyage to New York will be continued. The Windsmore is a vessel of 397 tons under charge of Captain Higsby, and is a Philadelphia vessel. Captain William Johnson, managing owner of the schooner will arrive in this city today from Philadelphia to hasten her voyage. The vessel is consigned to C. D. Maffitt & Co. as agent.

During the recent blow which damaged the Windsmore, numerous sailing craft suffered more or less. One four-masted schooner, the Warren Adams, was deserted at sea and reported as a menace to navigation. The Revenue Cutter Seminole under command of Captain Preston H. Uberroth, intercepting the message from a Norwegian steamer which rescued the crew of the Warren Adams, put to sea in search of the derelict. Reaching the location of the vessel it was found the hull had drifted and search was made for the dangerous derelict. It was finally found far north of Cape Hatteras and towed into Hampton Roads by another revenue cutter, where she now is lying with her cargo of lumber intact. Captain Uberroth reports having gone over 200 miles to sea in search of the vessel. Coming in contact with the Gulf stream the temperature rose to 80 degrees and regular summer weather was in vogue on the cutter. Thunder and lightning and heavy summer time rains were also encountered by the cutter while in the Gulf stream.

Another sailing vessel whose usual run is along the South Atlantic coast, was blown over 2,000 miles to sea during the bad weather, but not damaged. Delay in making the return was her only loss.

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

Long Session Yesterday But No Cases of Consequence.

Recorder Empie had a long session of court yesterday, but there were no cases of consequence. John Stanley, colored, was convicted of larceny and sentenced to serve 90 days on the county farm upon the condition that during his good behavior the sentence shall not become effective. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in a case against Willie Miller, colored, charged with carrying concealed weapons. He and B. G. Green, also colored, were charged with shooting a pistol within the city limits but this charge was dismissed.

Willie Miller, Earl Burnett, Leander Outlaw and Eddie Alford, all colored boys, charged with throwing rocks at Mr. C. D. Gilbert's place of business, were discharged on account of their youthfulness with an admonition not to repeat the offense. Virgil Nixon, colored, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was recognized for his appearance Tuesday morning.

Judgment was held open in a case against C. T. Lewis, white, of Brunswick county, charged with larceny by trick. Isaac McIntire, colored, went to the county roads for 30 days in default of the payment of a fine of $5 and the costs for an assault on a female. He was also charged with forcible trespass, but was found not guilty.

MR. W. P. OLDHAM, JR., DEAD.

Former Wilmingtonian Died Friday at El Paso, Texas.

News of the death of Mr. W. P. Oldham, Jr., son of Capt. W. P. Oldham, of this city, at El Paso, Friday afternoon, reached here yesterday morning in the form of a telegram to relatives. Mr. Oldham, who was an assistant paymaster in the United States army, had been ill only a few days of pneumonia.

The deceased was 41 years of age and had been in the army for the past ten years. He was formerly stationed at Fort Snelling, St. Paul, Minn., but had been on duty at El Paso since last June.

In addition to his relatives here, he is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was a Miss Allen. She made her home in Raleigh, from which place she left Friday morning to go to her husband's bedside. A telegram was sent to her yesterday en route, advising her of her husband's death.

The remains will be brought to Wilmington and the funeral and interment will be here.

All the bereaved relatives will have the tender sympathy of many friends.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Interesting Service at Bladen Street Methodist Church Today.

In connection with the regular service at Bladen Street Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock, there will be the installation of the official board of the church and the officers and teachers of the Sunday school. Rev. T. G. Vickers, the pastor, will preach a special sermon on service, his text being Matthew 20:27. Following the sermon and the installation there will be the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The official board will be presented for installation by Mr. E. H. Hardison, lay leader, and Mr. J. B. Taylor, the superintendent of the Sunday School, will present the officers and teachers. The opening prayer will be made by Mr. W. H. Bardin and Mr. R. L. Merritt will make the announcements.

Services will be held in the church every night this week at 7:30 o'clock in observance of the week of prayer in harmony with all the churches of the country.

BIG TANK BURST.

Part of Lower Yards at A. C. L. Flooded Yesterday Morning.

The large water tank, situated just north of the old ticket office at the Atlantic Coast Line, on the high bluff overlooking Nutt street and the freight tracks below, burst yesterday morning about 2 o'clock and for a time there was a young flood down the embankment to the tracks below.

The tank was kept as a reserve on the grounds in case of fire and is said to have held 500,000 gallons. The hoops on the tank either gave way because of rust from frequent overflows or the freezing weather caused some contraction that caused the structure to give way. No one was in the vicinity at the time, fortunately, and the only loss was in the tank and some few wires that went down with the falling structure.

CONSECRATION WILL BE AN IMPRESSIVE EVENT

Rev. Dr. Thos. C. Darst Becomes Bishop Wednesday

Presiding Bishop D. S. Tuttle to Conduct Special Mission Service at St. James' Tuesday Night—Biographical Sketch.

The consecration of Rev. Dr. Thos. C. Darst as Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, in St. James' Episcopal church Wednesday morning, will be an impressive event and will be attended by all the clergy of the diocese and many of the laity, as well as by friends and those interested from other dioceses. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, D. D., of Missouri, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in America, who will be one of the consecrators, will make an address at a special mission service to be held in St. James' church Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended the public to hear him on this occasion.

As has been already announced, the committee on arrangements for the consecration of the new Bishop has decided to open the doors of the church without cards of admission. Seats will be reserved for the ministers of the city, vestrymen of the Episcopal churches and the visitors from out of town, but all the rest of the church will be open to the people in the order of their coming.

Presiding Bishop Tuttle, who will speak Tuesday night at the special mission service, is considered one of the great pulpit orators of the country and the people of Wilmington will welcome this opportunity to hear him speak. It is expected that there will be in attendance at this service the other Bishops and prominent clergymen, who will be here to attend the consecration service.

While Dr. Darst has not definitely decided when he will leave Richmond, Va., it is expected that he will make his departure tomorrow. He and his family will make their home in the Episcopal residence on Orange street.

The complete programme for the consecration service will be announced Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Wm. H. Milton, who will be master of ceremonies, stated yesterday.

The consecrators will be Bishop Tuttle, Bishop Cheshire, of North Carolina, and Bishop R. A. Gibson; presenters, Bishop Beverly D. Tucker, of Southern Virginia, and Bishop Guerry, of South Carolina. Preacher, Bishop Gravat, Bishop Coadjutor of West Virginia; Attending Presbyters, Revs. J. H. Robeson, of Millwood, Va., and C. Aylett Ashby, of Elizabeth City, N. C.; Master of Ceremonies, Rev. W. H. Milton, of Wilmington.

The following biographical sketch of the new Bishop will be of interest at this time:

The Rev. Thomas Campbell Darst, D. D.

The Rev. T. C. Darst, bishop-elect of the diocese of East Carolina, was born at "Fancy Hill," Pulaski county, Virginia, November 10, 1875, the son of the late Major Thomas W. Darst and Margaret Glendy. The youth of Mr. Darst was spent on his father's farm. He attended the private and public schools of Pulaski county and Salem, Va., and then received his academic education at Roanoke College, Salem, Va. Mr. Darst was then in business for a short time, until he went to the Theological Seminary in Virginia, from which he graduated in 1902.

He was ordained a deacon by Bishop Peterkin, of West Va., and assigned to work at Fairmont, W. Va. In 1903 he was ordained Priest by Bishop Coadjutor Gravatt, of West Virginia, and shortly afterwards became rector of Meade and John Parishes in Fauquier and Loudon county, Va. Mr. Darst at once attracted notice as a hard working and successful pastor, and in 1903 was called to St. Mark's church, Richmond, where he was for the next four years. Mr. Darst took charge of St. Mark's at a very critical period of its life, but his unusual executive ability soon placed this church upon a solid foundation.

In 1909 Mr. Darst took charge of St. Paul's church, Newport News, Va. He had been called to this church before, but declined the call. Bishop Randolph and others prominent in the diocese made Mr. Darst see that it was his duty to go to Newport News when the second call was extended. Again Mr. Darst took hold with zeal and sound business knowledge, and in a short time St. Paul's was one of the most enterprising and prosperous parishes to be found. Mr. Darst early drew to his aid the men of the congregation, and the men's club he organized and maintained there made it their business to see that the obligations of the parish were promptly met.

Mr. Darst was a leader in the concerns of the community. The Hon. S. R. Buxton, former mayor of Newport News, formerly from this State, wrote this of Mr. Darst when he was being mentioned for the position of Bishop, "I knew him intimately, though I was was a communicant of his church. My wife was a member of the church, however, and I frequently attended services there. Mr. Darst is a pleasing speaker. As a preacher, he does not deal much with the abstract or theoretical, but rather with the concrete, practical things of life. His sermons always are helpful and you feel that what he says comes from the heart. His earnestness is convincing and his message seems to meet the needs of life. As a man, his life is an inspiration, especially to young men. I think I have felt its influence. He is broad minded, sympathetic and always mindful of the needs of his people. He is also a good citizen and interested in whatever tends to the uplift of the community. He was, as you might expect of such a man, highly popular with the people of Newport News and with other denominations." Mr. W. S. Copeland, part owner and editor of the Daily Press newspaper, says of Mr. Darst "I was very close to Mr. Darst during his ministry here and knew the man and his work well, having served on the vestry under him. He is a man of intense zeal, but carries it well under a calm exterior and the best disposition, I think, I have ever seen in a man of force. He is quiet and unostentatious in his methods, but he presses toward the mark all the year round and never flags in his devotion to the cause and his zeal in good works. He is, temperamentally, admirably suited to the office of a bishop, having executive ability, the gift of making others work and a brand of tactfulness that must be inspired."

Mr. Darst left Newport News in May,

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Lottie Buxton, of Scott's Hill, is visiting friends in the city.

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Miss Lizzie Branch left yesterday to visit friends and relatives in Greensboro.

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Mrs. Robert Belch has returned from her old home at White Oak, where she was called on account of the death of her father, Mr. R. L. Melvin.

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Yesterday's Greensboro News: "Miss Florense Potter, of Wilmington, is the house guest of Miss Helen Preyer on Summit avenue. Miss Potter attended Greensboro College for Women last session."

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Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Conly have returned from Lynchburg, Va., where they spent several weeks with relatives.

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Miss Anna Troutt, secretary of the Young Woman's Christian Association, has returned from Jackson, Tenn., where she spent the Christmas hollidays at her home.

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Miss Maude Stansell, who is a teacher in the graded schools at Athens, Tenn., after a pleasant visit to her brother, Mr. W. H. Stansell, at Carolina Place, returned home yesterday morning.

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Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 2.—Miss Sarah H. Linney, the popular superintendent of the Goldsboro Hospital, had as her invited guests last evening the physicians of the city and county and their wives and the board of trustees and their wives and the ladies of the executive committee at an "oyster roast," and Miss Linney and her excellent corps of nurses proved themselves adepts in the art of roasting oysters as well as managing a hospital and nursing the sick.

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MISS POLVOGT'S ENGAGEMENT TO MR. FERDINAND DULS.

On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Polvogt, at their pretty home, No. 410 South Front street, entertained a number of young people at which the announcement of the date of the forthcoming marriage of their attractive daughter, Miss Lucile W. Polvogt, to Mr. Ferdinand Duls, was made as April the seventh.

The wedding will be one of the most elaborate of the social affairs of the early spring and will unite two prominent young people, who have a host of friends who will felicitate them upon this formal announcement.

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ENGAGEMENT OF MISS DUSHAN IS ANNOUNCED BY PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dushan have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Genevieve Dushan, to Mr. Jesse Kendall Baylis, of Richmond, Va., formerly, of Wilmington, Del. This announcement will be read with much interest by friends throughout this and other States. Miss Dushan is a young woman of charming personality and most attractive manner and has a host of friends in Wilmington. Mr. Baylis is connected with the Carnegie Steel Company, with headquarters in Richmond, Va., and is well known in this State. He has visited in this city frequently and has many friends here.

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MRS. STERNBERGER HOSTESS AT AUCTION BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Julius Sternberger was hostess at a delightful auction bridge and lotta party at her home, corner Seventh and Dock streets, Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Sigmund Wallace, of Statesville, and two other visitors, Mrs. Aaron Bluementhal, of Philadelphia, and Marx G. Nathan, of Raleigh.

Miss Mamie Nathan won the bridge prize and Mrs. Marx Nathan was the winner of the lotta prize. The guest prizes were awarded to Mrs. Sigmund Wallace and Mrs. Aaron Bluementhal.

A delicious salad course was served and also coffee, ice cream and cake. It was a most delightful occasion for the large number of guests present.

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Among those present and dancing at the delightful New Year's dance given by Mr. Dick Meier and Miss Beulah Walker on Thursday evening from 9 until 1:30 were the following: Mr. R. F. Meier and Miss Beulah Walker; Mr. C. C. Green and Miss Annie Hutson, Mr. R. LeGwin and Miss M. Bissenger; Mr. John Montgomery and Miss Mabel Meier; Mr. Joe Meier and Miss Roxie Lewis; Mr. Harry King and Miss Annie Thomas; Mr. P. McKeithan and Miss Emily Lee Hutson; Mr. Frank Andrews and Miss Ollie Meier; Mr. Waldo Moore and Miss Bessie King; Mr. J. Meier and Miss Jeanette King.

Chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Waddell and Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCoy. Stags, Henry Haar, Amstead Doughty, C. Klavins and M. Odwine. Music was furnished by Russell's orchestra.

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MR. AND MRS. J. M. SOLKY GIVE DELIGHTFUL DANCE

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Solky gave a delightful dance at their home, No. 610 Market street, last evening in honor of some of the young ladies visiting in the city, which was attended by a large number of young people. The home was beautifully decorated. At midnight delicious refreshments were served.

Among those present and dancing were the following Mr. Harris Newman and Miss Marguerite Solomon; Mr. M. Rosemann and Miss Lucile Sternberger; Miss Louis Stein and Miss Florette Schloss; Mr. Albert Sternberger and Miss Elsa Bluethenthal; Mr. Clarence Sternberger and Miss Lillian Solomon; Miss Lucile Solky and Mr. Joe Nathan; Mr. Sternberger and Miss Dorothy Einstein.

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EDUCATIONAL CLASSES TO RESUME THEIR WORK

The educational classes of the Wilmington Young Woman's Christian Association will resume their work tomorrow, meeting at the usual hours during the week. The class in parliamentary law will meet Monday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock; the class in shorthand at 7 o'clock, and the class in Bible at 7:30 o'clock.

Members of the association have learned with deep regret of the death of Miss Grace H. Dodge, president of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, which occurred at her home in New York on December 27. She was a woman of means who gave her time and money to the work of the association and to her is due more than to anyone also the wonderful growth of the activities of the association during the last few years.

The vesper services at the Wilmington association which it is planned to hold the first Sunday in each month have been postponed until next Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

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"THE" DANSANT WAS FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

The success of the The Dansant, given by the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters on New Year's afternoon and night, was most gratifying, the liberal patronage of our citizens enabled the Ministering Circle to clear quite a nice little amount for the District Nurse's Fund. Those who were present enjoyed a rare treat in the exhibition of modern dances by Miss Louise Wise and Mr. Baskerville. These young people gave an interpretation of the dances which equalled the best professionals. Miss Wise is the embodiment of grace and every figure was assumed with exquisite poise, and with an intelligent conception of all the requirements in a performance which was classic. Mr. Baskerville, who is a son of Dr. Charles M. Baskerville, of this State, impressed the audience with his consummate talent; it would be difficult to find his superior in the art of dancing. Miss Wise was fortunate in having such an efficient partner.

The exhibition of the four young ladies in the Greek posture dances was most graceful and pleasing, and added to the entertainment a great deal. The general dancing was immensely enjoyed by all those participating, the music was exceptionally good, and the refreshments were delicious.

Added to the pleasure of the entertainment was the happy consciousness of having contributed to the comfort of the suffering poor, in helping to continue the services of a trained nurse for their benefit.

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DONATIONS TO RED CROSS SANITARIUM AND SOCIETY

The Red Cross Society acknowledges with grateful thanks the following donations to the Red Cross Sanitarium during the month of December:

Aid Society of Bethany Presbyterian church, four Bibles; Mesdames S. and B. Solomon, clothing; Mrs. W. L. Parsley, four dozens oranges; German-American Alliance, 20 blocks ice cream; a friend, records and needles for Victrola and three new aprons for maid; Mrs. Kemp Merritt, plants and vegetables when needed; Mesdames Jacobi, Schloss and Bluethenthal, three suits of men's clothing, coat suits and underclothing for patients; Junior Auxiliary of St. James church, 3 1-2 dozen oranges and three dozen grape fruit; Misses Kidder and Murchison visited sanitarium and presented each inmate with beautiful basket of fruits and Christmas greetings; a friend, two dozen oranges, basket of fruit, nuts and candy; a friend presented inmates with $10 for a Christmas dinner; Mrs. J. R. Kenly, box oranges and grape fruit; Mr. Smallbones, magazines and books.

Religious services were conducted by Rev. Andrew J. Howell on December 11 and 27; and in the colored ward on December 13 by Rev. Bell and December 20 by Rev. J. H. Moore, colored.

The Red Cross Society also acknowledges with thanks a valuable donation of clothing for the war sufferers in Europe from Miss Florence Kidder, and a box of Appinol from Mr. H. M. Chase, the same to be forwarded to Brooklyn for shipment by the Red Cross to the war zone.

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LITTLE LILLIAN EMERSON TO DANCE FOR MRS. VANDERBILT

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Neill D. Emerson and her little daughter Lillian, who have been visiting Mrs. Emerson's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Slocomb, on Dick street, left during the week for New York, where little Miss Lillian, who, though only six years old, has gained fame in three countries as an interpreter of the classic dances, has an engagement to dance for Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt at her home on Fifth Avenue. This six-year-old child has never taken a lesson in the dance, yet she has astounded critics and experts. Both Pavlowa and Isadora Duncan declare she should not be taught because instruction from another might impair the wonderful originality she has shown.

Lillian recently danced and sang in Philadelphia at the Arabian Nights fete held in Horticultural Hall in that city, and will dance there again at a Belgian relief benefit. Writing of her "Peggy Snippen", of the Philadelphia Ledger says that Mrs. Lawrence Townsend discovered her one day, though her wonderful gift was well known for some time before that "discovery." At any rate Mrs. Townsend sent her to the Duchess of Connaught, who was delighted with her, as was the Duke. They sent little Miss Emerson to Queen Alexandria, and on July 6th, Princess Victoria's birthday, the child wonder danced before two queen dowegers—Queen Alexandria and Dowager Empress of Russia, who was staying at Marlborough House for the celebration—the Queen of Greece, King Manuel and his Queen, Prince Oscar, and Prince Christopher of Greece, and Princess Victoria. Prince Christopher, who is a musician of considerable note, played her accompaniment, and so struck was he with her innate ability to interpret music that he improvised a number of compositions which she interpreted perfectly. Going to the Coptinent the little child was dancing her way straight into the heart of Paris when the great war broke out. Remaining in Paris for a while, Mrs. Emerson made shirts for the French soldiers, but sought an early opportunity to reach New York.

During the holidays, spent with her grandparents here, little Miss Emerson danced for a gathering of her mother's friends. Lillian is a granddaughter of the late T. M. Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

MR. CUMMING'S WILL PROBATED

Widow is Named as Sole Heir to Real and Personal Property.

The late Mr. Preston Cumming left all his property both real and personal, to his widow, according to the terms of his will, which was probated in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court yesterday morning. The will names Mrs. Cumming as executrix, to serve without bond.

The instrument filed was drawn August 16, 1910, and was witnessed by Messrs. W. M. Cumming and W. P. McClaughon. Mrs. Cumming is named as sole heir to all the property, both real and personal, to use or dispose of as she may desire, save that a suggestion is made relative to the education of the deceased's daughter, Anna B. Cumming. In the event of the death of his wife, Mr. Cumming directs in the will that the property go to his daughter.

SUNDAY SERVICES

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: (for he is faithful that promised). And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."—Words of the Book.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor—German service at 11 A. M. with Holy Communion. Preparatory service 10:30 A. M. English service at 7:30 P. M. Topic of sermon: "Courage to Forget." Prof. Barbey will play a violin solo at this service. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. You are cordially invited to St. Paul's. The Laymen's Central Missionary Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 P. M.

Cavalry Baptist church, corner of Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject, "System"; at night the B. Y. P. U. will present a Christmas programme, subject, "Consecration. Junior B. Y. P. U. 10 A. M. Lord's Supper at the close of the morning service. Deacon's Meeting 3 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Teachers' meeting Wednesday night, and Senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday night. A cordial welcome to all services.

Bladen Street Methodist church, corner Fifth and Bladen street—Special New Year services will be held at 11 o'clock, with a sermon on "Service" by the pastor, Rev. T. G. Vickers. Sunday school at 3:30 Night service at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to all services.

St. John's Episcopal church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector—Litany and Holy Communion 11 A. M. Sunday school 4 P. M. Evening prayer 5 P. M. Service at 8 P. M. with the special music of last Sunday night repeated by request. Seats free; all are cordially invited.

St. John's Mission, 1313 North Fourth street—Sunday school 9:30 A. M., Mr. Virginius Hall, superintendent.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, 16th and Market streets, Rev. E. deF. Heald, Jr., rector—Morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion at 11. Evening prayer and sermon at 8. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Come, you will be welcomed.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth and Ann streets—First mass 7 A. M. Last mass and sermon 10:30 A. M. Vespers and sermon 8 P. M.

Christian Science Society, Market and 17th streets,—Services at 11 A. M. Subject of lesson: "God." Services Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Services at Christian church, Dock street, 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. by Dr. J. C. Coldwell. Sunday school 10 A. M. Christian Endeavor services 7 P. M. Public invited.

Castle Heights Methodist church, 15th and Castle streets—Sunday school at 3:30 P. M., M. H. Crowell, superintendent. Preaching services at 7:30 by Rev. T. C. Ellers.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran church, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor—Morning service 11 o'clock, subject: "A New Year Message." Evening service 7:30 o'clock, subject: "They Joined Jesus." Sunday school 10 A. M. Wednesday evening service 8 o'clock. The woman's missionary society will meet on Thursday at 3:30 P. M. All are most cordially invited to attend these services.

St. James church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector—Services and sermon and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 o'clock. Organ recital at 7:45. Everybody welcome; come and bring a friend.

Fifth Street Methodist church, Fifth, between Nun and Church streets—Preaching at 11 A. M. by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker; at 7:45 P. M. by the presiding elder, Rev. L. E. Thompson. Sunday school at 3 P. M. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service.

Grace Street Methodist church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets—Preaching services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Bundy. Morning subject, "The Unspeakable Gift." The services will be concluded with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Evening subject, "The Spiritual Signs of the Early Return of Christ to the Earth." Special music at both services. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. This week will be observed as a week of prayer and services in the Sunday school lecture room will be held each night at 7:30 up to Friday night, inclusive. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Seventh Day Adventist, corner Third and Princess streets, W. L. Adkins, pastor—Public Bible clas stoday 3 P. M. Preaching 7:30 P. M., subject: "What Does It Mean to be Under Grace?" Public cordially invited.

First Baptist church, Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor: Worship 11 a. m. Subject, "A Happy New Year." 7:30 p. m., "The Beast As Described in Revelation; What He Does; Where He Goes." 6:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U. 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.

Masonboro Baptist church, Rev. O. N. Marshall, pastor: Worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on second and fourth Sundays. Sunday school every Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday night at 7:30.

Delgado Baptist church, Rev. J. A. Heilig, pastor: Preaching every Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 11 a. m. Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Castle Haynes Baptist church, Rev. W. M. Craig, pastor: Preaching every fourth Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

Winter Park Baptist church, Rev. W. M. Craig, pastor: Worship 7:30 p. m. every Sunday. Sunday school 10:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Winter Park Methodist church, Rev. G. M. Daniels, pastor: Preaching at the school house at 11 a. m., Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Seagate Methodist church, Rev. G. M. Daniel, pastor: Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

EMANCIPATION DAY WAS APPROPRIATELY OBSERVED

Annual Oration to Negroes by Rev. J. F. Lee, D. D.

A large interested and enthusiastic crowd assembled at St. Stephen's A. M. E. church at 2:30 p. m. Friday to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the emancipation of the negroes from slavery. The oration was made by Rev. J. F. Lee, D. D., pastor of A. M. E. Z. church. It was a comprehensive address and dealt in a practical way with the vital phases of racial life of the negro.

After prayer by Rev. A. L. Price and the scripture reading by Rev. J. N. Knight, the address of welcome was made by Maggie W. Burnett. Lincoln's proclamation was read by C. Fannie Blunt and a poem was read by Mary L. Bowens. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. Spiller, D. D.

At the conclusion of the oration by Dr. Lee, the committee on resolutions through its chairman, Rev. J. A. Bonner, D. D., presented the following resolutions:

"With grateful hearts and joyful souls, we thank God for this day and for what it means to us; for the inspiration it brings; for the possibilities it suggests. We realize that 'There is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may' and that the hand of God is visible in the peculiar phases of our racial life. His infinite wisdom precludes mistakes, His perfect judgment makes error an impossibility, the judge of all the earth will do right. Today the heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and stone; fearful igorance and awful superstition cloud his mind, loathsome vices debase his moral nature and worst of all, he has no proper conception of the living God. He feels nothing of the force, the inspiration or the aspiration of civilization and knows not what life means. What the heathen is today, our forefathers were, and such we might have been, but for the mysterious acts of the God who rules on high. By His permissive degree, we became hewers of wood and drawers of water under the yoke of slavery. What was endured of cries and tears, of heartaches, mental anguish and bodily torture, who can tell? But that terrible ordeal endured for two and a half centuries, was a means of splendid discipline and development; a wonderful school of preparation, to begin the blessed life of free men. Freedom imposes serious obligations, and weighty responsibilities. It is not enough to be free. We owe it to God, to the world and to ourselves, to prove ourselves worthy of the freedom obtained at such tremendous cost.

"Whereas, ignorance is a curse and a reproach to any people be it resolved

"That we appreciate and endorse every effort made to increase our educational facilities being thereby helped to become intelligent, useful and deserving citizens and we sincerely thank the County Board of Education for the beautiful and substantial structure, with its excellent equipment, erected for the better accommodation of our children.

"Whereas, the situation of the Peabody school is so deplorable that teachers and pupils labor under conditions which are painful and make best results impossible, we earnestly request the Board of Education to use whatever means and power that it can command to erect in the near future a building on Campbell Square, adequate to all the needs of a well appointed, modern school building.

"Whereas, indolence and shiftlessness are detrimental to the individual and the race, be it resolved,

"That we denounce idleness, encourage industry and emphasize the dignity of labor.

"Whereas, lawlessness in its various phases is rife among the younger element and brings aspersion on the whole; alienates friends, stirs up bitterness, and weakens our cause, be it resolved.

"That we who are law abiding, make no apology for crime and offer no protection to the criminal, but stand for law and order.

"Whereas, the reaper whose name is death, has reaped with sickle keen in the ranks, cutting down Rev. J. W. Telfair, and brothers Dennis Perkins and Cornelius Howe, be it resolved, that we cherish their memory and emulate their virtues.

"Whereas, we have listened with pleasure and with profit to the splendid address of Dr. Lee, replete with the beauty of rhetoric, the strength of logic and the sunshine of humor, be it resolved,

"That we thank Him heartily and give him a rising vote of thanks.

"Whereas, it is written, 'Blessed is that people, whose God is the Lord,' be it resolved,

"That we recognize God's sovereignity over us, and His propriety in us, and strive to realize more fully, that our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever and be it resolved,

"That we hereby thank those who so generously gave time, talent, and means to make this occasion such a splendid success.

Rev. J. A. Bonner, chairman, Rev. A. J. Wilson, Rev. G. D. Carnes, Rev. J. N. Rhoe, J. E. Taylor, Dr. F. W. Avant, A. E. Jackson.

MEN'S MASS MEETING

Rev. T. G. Vickers Will Make Address This Afternoon.

Rev. T. G. Vickers, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church, will be the speaker at the men's fellowship meeting at the Y. M. C. A., this afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. His subject will be "Happiness: Its Conditions and Its Content." Mr. Vickers is a young minister who is deeply consecrated to his work and is an earnest and forceful speaker. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Mrs. W. G. Robertson, who some time ago sang so sweetly at the afternoon service, will sing a solo this afternoon with Mrs. Robertson as accompanist on the piano.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Walter S. Powers, of Sanford, is visiting Mr. E. Marion Westbrook, No. 313 North Seventh street.

—Mr. W. E. Price, general manager of the Wilmington Beach Corporation, is in Durham on a business trip.

—Mr. W. G. Monroe, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Monroe, has gone to Raleigh to visit friends before returning to the University to resume his studies.

—Friends will regret to learn that the condition of Mr. J. W. Monroe, who is ill at the home of his son, Capt. W. P. Monroe, is not improved. He has been in feeble health for several months.

—Mr. W. F. King, formerly with the A. C. L. and I. W. Cooper & Co., has accepted a position as clerk in the office of County Auditor John A. Orrell and has already entered upon his new duties.

—Friends of Capt. W. L. Beery, who recently was threatened with an acute attack of appendicitis, will be delighted to know that he is now without fever and will be able to be about again as usual in a few days.

Miss Clyde Orma Williams, of Kenansville, is visiting her sisters, Misses Valeria and Lila Williams, en route to Meredith College at Raleigh, where she is a senior. She will sing a solo this morning at the First Baptist church.

Half price sale on Coats and Coat Suits at Polvogt's Monday and Tuesday. (advertisement.)

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Week's Big Features At The Bijou

If a good beginning stands for anything, the Bijou Theatre will enjoy the very biggest year in its history during the year 1915, for they have billed undoubtedly the biggest week's shows that have ever been seen in Wilmington for the first week of the New Year, beginning next Monday. Every day there is a feature that would pack the house, were nothing else offered as a side line, and you have only to glance over a list of the biggest offerings to see that this is every word true as gospel.

Mary Fuller Monday.

"The Heart of the Hills," is the biggest one yet of Mary Fuller's big "U" successes, as it comes in three full reels, and lasts nearly an hour. In this biggest of productions, the rote of 'Lizbeth Ann, the simple mountain lass, written especially for Miss Fuller, fits her like the proverbial glove. In a gingham gown and bare feet, she presents a bewitching picture in the earlier scenes and later, when society has made her its pet in the great city she displays her versatility and consummate artistry by carrying into the action of this role the same charming simplicity of the mountain lass, softened by contact with the refining influences of her surroundings. It is an outdoor drama that fairly breathes of the piney woods, and will be voted Miss Fuller's very greatest production.

Warren Kerrigan Tuesday.

The fourth of the great "Gentleman Adventurer" stories featuring Warren Kerrigan and Vera Sisson comes to head Tuesday's bill. The title of this episode is "The King and the Man," in which the gallant Terrance again draws his shining sword in the defense of his king. As clever as he is brave, the gallant Irish adventurer contravents the machinations of the Russian assassins in a way that makes the greatest of all his achievements, and is in two full reels.

"The Master Key" Wednesday.

As you will read in today's Star, Callon passes away from being hounded by Harry Wilkerson, leaving "The Master Key Mine" to his daughter Ruth, who is placed in the tender keeping of John Dore. Matters come to a critical pass when Wilkerson cuts wages 25 per cent and fires Dore as mining engineer. The miners strike, and there is a terrible fight in which John Dore and Ruth Gallon win the day. This is a very thrilling episode, and, of course, will pack the house early and late.

Grace Cunard and Francis Ford.

Now prepare yourselves for a treat next Thursday! Grace Cunard and Francis Ford, heretofore playing only antagonistic roles, have fallen in love and are to be married! Just in the pictures though, mind you. The big two-reeler, "The Call of the Waves" featuring this popular pair, is a charming love story with them playing the leading parts. And another treat in this offering is the scenes taken in the gambling salon of Monte Carlo, where Miss Cunard and Mr. Ford went in order to get some of the settings for this great two-reel Gold Seal drama. Don't miss this number, which will head next Thursday's rousing bill at "Wilmington's Cozy Corner."

"The Fortunes of Margaret."

Isabel Daintry and Roy Pilcher enact the leading roles in this great two-reel Eclair drama, in which a poverty-stricken old man unknowingly saves his wealthy daughter's child. Although wronged by her parent the daughter takes him back into her home, where her ingrate brother has been shot while attempting burglary. Max Asher, the great comedy artist, plays a dramatic role in this great two-reeler.

"The Big Sister's Christmas."

This is a charming Yuletide photoplay in two reels, depicting the self-sacrifice of a big sister, and features popular Anna Little, with Herbert Rawlinson, in the leading roles. It is the story of the big sister, who, neglected by everyone, while her younger sister travels in the fast set, and has a big time, makes some of the greatest sacrifices ever made by a girl, and makes one of the most beautiful stories ever conceived. This heads the big week-end bill next Saturday.

THEATRICAL

The members of the Bijou Stock Company, which play the Academy of Music beginning Monday, have all been selected with great care and have had thorough experience with some of the best companies in the country.

Mr. J. Frank Glendon, leading man with the company, has been doing leads for Miss Mable Paige for the past four seasons and is considered among the best.

Mr. Cully Wood and Miss Jessie Southern are from the Poli Players. Miss Lillian Douglas has been with The Jewell Kelly Company for the past two seasons. Mr. Jack Burke is from the Lanham Players and Mr. Billy Farnem from the Park Stock Company Mr. Frank Callahan and Miss Marion Ashley just closed with the Eddie Black Stock Company.

Manager Daum realizes that at the present day, in order to gain support of the theatre-going public, it is necessary to give at popular prices, complete productions of recognized plays, It is also necessary to have performers of thorough stock training to portray the various characters and with this in mind he has gathered the present Bijou Stock Company and has succeeded in giving the public more than their money's worth and has gained a reputation for the company wherever it has appeared.

IS ROSIN CONTRABAND OF WAR

Secretary of State Bryan Wires Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Will Find Out.

The State Department at Washington will make an effort to find out from Great Britain whether or not rosin proper is included on the list of contraband by that country, according to a telegram received last night from Secretary Bryan by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. The telegram was presumably sent to all the commercial bodies of the South which have recently requested the State Department to make an effort to have resinous products and turpentine removed from the list of contraband by Great Britain.

Secretary Bryan wired that the matter was receiving the earnest attention of the Department and also stated that the reason given unofficially for placing these on the list is that they are used in the manufacture of an explosive which is impervious to dampness.

Following is a copy of the telegram received last night:

"Washington, Jan. 2, 1915.

"Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington, N. C.

"The matter of placing resinous products and turpentine on list of contraband by Great Britain is receiving the earnest attention of the Department. It is understood unofficially that the ground advanced for this action by Great Britain is that resinous products, and turpentine are used in the manufacture of an explosive which is impervious to dampness. The language in the contraband list as received by the department from London is 'resinous products, camphor and turpentine oil and spirits.' The Department will make inquiry of the British government whether terms used include rosin proper. "W. J. BRYAN,

"Secretary of State."

ORGAN RECITAL TONIGHT.

Special New Year Music at St. James' Episcopal Church Today.

Music appropriate to the beginning of a year has been arranged for the services at St. James' church today. At the evening service the anthem will be "A Few More Years Shall Roll," by Frank Butcher, and the offertory "Forward be Our Watchword," by the well known American composer, Harry Rowe Shelley. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from the service in F by Tours will be used in the order of service.

Preceding the evening service, and beginning promptly at 7:45, the regular organ recital will be rendered by the organist and choir master, Mr. Wm. G. Robertson.

Seeks to Recover Dog, Named Dan,

Claim and delivery proceedings were started in the Recorder's court yesterday by Mr. W. E. King for the recovery of a pointer dog, named Dan, which he alleges is wrongfully detained by Messrs. A. W. Ek and T. W. Pierce. The value of the dog is placed at $50. The papers were served on the defendants yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Kelly and they gave bond in the sum of $100 for their appearance before the Recorder on January 11th, when the matter will be heard.

For information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club, 'Phone 110. American National Bank. tf
(Advertisement.)

$3.50 crepe de chine waists, special $2.50 this week at Polvogt's.
(Advertisement.)

CONSECRATION WILL BE AN IMPRESSIVE EVENT

(Continued From Page Five.)

1914, to become associate rector of St. James' church, Richmond, from which church he was called to become bishop of this diocese. He soon made himself felt in this new field, and every pressure was brought to bear upon him when the call to the bishopric came to induce him to remain at St. James. It is with genuine regret that the people there give him up.

Mr. Darst was elected bishop at the council which met in Washington last October. The council was deadlocked until the 16th ballot between Dr. Harding, of New York, and Dr. Milton, of this city. After the 16th ballot Dr. Milton insisted that his name be withdrawn from consideration, and the election of Mr. Darst followed very soon afterwards.

Mr. Darst married Miss Florence Newton Wise, of Alexandria, Va., in November, 1902. She died while he was at Newport News in 1914, leaving three children, George Wise, age 10, Thomas Campbell, Jr., age 7, and Meade Clark, age 4.

Many opportunities have come to Mr. Darst to go to other parishes than those he has served, among others he was called to Trinity church, Asheville, N. C., while at Newport News, and several times to work in this diocese, Mr. Darst possessed the warm friendship of the late Bishop Robert Strange. The Theological Seminary in Virginia in November, 1914, conferred the degree of doctor of divinity upon Mr. Darst.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

In view of the fact that I have just moved into my store and by consent of the International Tailoring Co., of New York City, I will continue my sale on made-to-measure suits two (2) weeks longer.

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S. P. COWAN, Sheriff.

WITH THE MAN IN THE STREET

A Friend Who Was True—In the midst of life's busy cares we pause to pay tribute to a man whom we knew well and whom we loved.

He is gone away but his words of friendly advice will always be treasured in our hearts as one of the sacred heritages of this mortal life. He was first, last and all the time a true friend, without pretension, without affectation, without hypocrisy.

To have known such a man as the late Preston Cumming was worth much to a young man. He had traveled life's hard road and had tasted deeply of its joys and its sorrows. He knew what it was to enjoy the sunshine and the pure air of the bright days and he also knew the dreary sadness of the dark cloudy days. He had dealt with the stern realities of life and had learned to appreciate the things worth while. He had decided upon his course and followed it unflinchingly regardless of the opinions of men, however much he might admire them otherwise. And by doing that he knew what it was to be a man in the true sense of that much abused word.

He detested sham; he was an individualist, but he loved his fellowman. He loved —we use the word advisedly—to mingle with his fellows, but he never stopped to find out what kind of clothes a man wore or what organization he belonged to before he became his friend. He liked men for what they are and not for what they might pretend to be.

He was made of heroic mould and never shirked his duty. He set a noble example for which we are glad. Life's pathway will mean more for us because he lived. The world will not be the same, since he is gone, for those who knew him best; but the memory of what he was and of what he strived to be will linger with us. At the end we hope that we may be as worthy of a place among the men who have enriched the world as he was.

Always, dear friend, we shall think of you as the indomitable, the unconquerable, the strong, the lovable man you were.

Ah! yes, we shall remember you and hope that some time, somewhere, we shall meet again that noble, heroic spirit.

Take Wife's Advice—Made meditative by the comfortable fire on a dismal afternoon, a middleaged business man whose business of several years has dwindled, began speaking of the ups and downs of life, and he said: "If I were going to advise any young man with a view of helping him on his way insofar as advice drawn from experience can help another, I would limit what I had to say to this: Never take another man's advice. I have failed, I honestly believe, just in proportion as I have allowed the opinions of other men to shape my affairs.

"It will do no harm for one man to study the business of another in the same line as himself, but he should not suffer that other to attempt to fit on him his own suit of ideas. In rejecting the advice of all the world, I hold fast to one guide—the opinion of my wife. Years upon years of married life have taught me that a woman's judgment is almost if not quite infallible. Men err, miss the mark, go wide of the bull's eye: but a woman' opinion is right about ninety-nine and forty-four-hundredths times.

"Dont' ask me how this is so or why it is so, but ask married men the world over and they will tell you what I am telling you. Evidence is practically universal that a mans' wife knows best what is best for him to do. It may be intuition. It certainly is uncanny. I profess no understanding of it, but I do know that most times that I have fallen down in a business or other way, it has been in defiance of my wife's judgment; and most times that I have scored success, it has been when I followed her line of reasoning or her guess work, whichever you want to call it.

'That I have seen my business reach its present unpleasant condition is due to having taken the advice of other men when my wife argued against their judgment. My advice to young men is not 'be good and you'll be happy', or 'save the nickles and the dollars will take care of themselves', or any of the other familiar handouts of successful men; but it is 'Take no man's advice but listen to your wife'".

'But suppose a fellow hasn't got a wife", struck in a young fellow.

"That is your misfortune", responded the older man.

The Plaint of the Night Editor—Now here comes the Night Editor with a little "tale of woe" and asks that a request of his he passed along through this column.

"Say," says he, "it seems that a great many people read the column headed 'With the Man in the Street' and that it is a sort of medium for heart to heart chats. I want to reach the hearts of some of the friends of the paper with my plaintive little note, so I choose your column as my medium".

As it was the first time he had ever made such a request and he volunteered that it would probably be the last, there was nothing for a man with a heart to do but to make a face like we were delighted at the idea.

As a side line, the Night Editor on The Star provides the linotype machines with copy to keep them going every minute of every working hour during the week. Whatever time is left over after the day's news is finished each morning is used in setting the extra matter for the larger Sunday paper. So the typesetting for the following Sunday begins in the wee sma' hours of Tuesday morning, after "all's up".

"Please say for me", said the Night Editor, "that our friends will be conferring a great favor upon me and that they will have my heartfelt thanks, if, when they have a lengthy article or a communication they desire published in the Sunday Star, they will just send it along early in the week when I am scurrying around trying to find something good to keep the linotypes busy during leisure hours. Early in the week I am delighted to get such articles and communications as our friends usually request us to print in Sunday's paper, but when these come in at the end of the week, especially on Saturday, I get 'all up in the air', not because I don't want to handle them and publish them, not at all, but because I do desire to print them and can't figure out how on earth I am to get them into type. Toward the end of the week, there is more matter on hand than can possibly be set and when Saturday night comes all the machines are loaded to their utmost capacity to set the local, telegraphic and other news that cannot possibly be had before then. If it's news, sure enough news, of course we are always hungry for it any day or night in the week, but I am talking now about matter that can be sent in during the first four days of the week just as easily as the last two".

The African's Excuse—A few days ago a Wilmington business man who is connected with a jobbing concern on the wharf was talking with some of the negro draymen about the European war in which they were greatly interested. He made it very realistic; in fact it made it appear that it would be necessary for Wilmington folks to have to go to the front.

"Ben, I think you will be one of the first to have to go," he said to one of the draymen, who seemed to be the most interested.

"Me ,boss, Naw, sah, I'se not gwine ter enny war," the darkey answered. "Whut duh yer spose deh cud do wid a nigger lak me. Naw suh, deh wudn't have me."

"Oh, yes, they could use you all right," the darkey was told. "If I went I could put you in front and let them shoot a hole through you instead of me and I could still fight."

"But, boss, I'se tuh old tuh go," said Ben as he thought deeply over a problem that hadn't entered his mind before.

"How old are you, Ben?" asked the man, who was talking.

"Tuh tell yer duh truf I dunt know how old I are,' 'he replied, "but I knows dat I am tuh old tuh go tuh enny war. Dat's how old I am."

Keeping Up With Style—"Well I have been wearing a mustache most of my life,' 'said Prof. Waschington Catlett, of this city, the other day in speaking of the present mustache fad, "and I have found myself in line with the fashions four or five times during that period.

"Just now I seem to be in line, for I see many of you young fellows trying to grow a mustache. How long it will last I don't know but anyway I have the satisfaction just now of being in style."

Address Appreciated.

William J. Belamy, Esq., of the local bar, who recently delivered the annual memorial address to the Charlotte Lodge of Elks, is in receipt of an official vote and resolution of thanks from the lodge, complimenting him upon his address on that occasion and thanking him most heartily for responding in such magnificent way to the invitation to speak in the Queen City.

Half price sale on Coats and Coat Suits at Polvogt's Monday and Tuesday. (advertisement.)

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A Vitagraph Drama, Featuring Alfred D. Vosburgh and George Holt.

"SNAKEVILLE'S REFORM WAVE."

Essanay Comedy, Featuring "Slippery Slim."

"THE LAST OF THE HARGROVES"

Edison Drama, Featuring Margaret O'Meare, Gertrude McCoy.

"HE WAITS FOREVER"

Lubin Dramatic Love Story, with William E. Parsons and E. Mayo.

WEDNESDAY

"THE MAN THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN"

Vitagraph Drama, Featuring William Humphrey and Leah Baird.

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—in—

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Featuring Billy Quirk, Lee Beggs and Rica Allen

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Biograph Drama.

"THE BUFFER"

Essanay Comedy Drama. Six Reels.

THURSDAY

"THE NEW MAGDALEN"

A Strong Biograph Drama, in Two Parts, Featuring Louise Vale, Chas. H. Mailes.

"THE MYSTERIOUS MR. DAVY"

Vitagraph Comedy, Presenting Sidney Drew and Jane Morrow.

"A DOUBLE ELOPEMENT"

Edison Comedy, Featuring Dan Mason and Helen Strickland.

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A Selig Western Comedy, Featuring Tom Mix, Goldie Colwell and Sid. Jordan.

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—Grace Cunard and Francis Ford will be seen next week in a dramatization of that famous detective drama, "A Study in Scarlet," with Ford playing Sherlock Holmes.

—"The Submarine Spy" is a timely two-reel feature on next week's bill.

MONDAY

MARY FULLER

—in—

"The Heart of the Hills"

Three Reels. Bewitching Tale of the Woods.

"The Sheriff's Master"

Strong Western Comedy, With Arthur Mackley.

"Cursed by His Beauty"

Rousing Keystone Comedy.

TUESDAY

"The King and the Man"

Fourth of the Great J. Warren Kerrigan Features. Two Reels.

"Our Mutual Girl"

Chapter Forty-Two.

"Dough and Dynamite"

Two-Reel Keystone Comedy, With Chas. Chaplin and Chester Conklin.

"How Father Won Out"

Big Joker Comedy Feature.

WEDNESDAY

"The Master Key"

Third Episode. Two Reels.

"For I Have Toiled"

Nestor Drama, Featuring Murdock MacQuarrie.

"The Baron's Bear Escape"

Another One of Those L-Ko Comedies.

"Vivian's Beauty Test"

Vivian Prescott is Here Again!

THURSDAY

GRACE CUNARD and FRANCIS FORD

—in—

"The Call of the Waves"

Absolutely the Biggest Offering Yet From This Pair. Two Reels.

"The Perils of Pauline"

Twentieth and Last Episode. See the Dramatic Finish. Two Reels.

"Love and Spirits"

Joker Comedy, With Ernest Shields and Betty Schade.

FRIDAY

"The Fortunes of Margaret"

Thrilling Two-Reel Eclair Drama.

"The Miner's Peril"

Big Mutual Drama, Featuring Florence Crawford and Arthur Mackley.

"Innocent Dad"

Sterling Comedy, with Bobbie Gould.

"Curses They Remarked"

Rousing Keystone Comedy Feature.

SATURDAY

"The Big Sister's Christmas"

Charming Yuletide Two-Reel Drama with Anna Little and Herbert Rawlinson.

"The Wayward Son"

Big Full Reel Victor Drama.

"Back to the Kitchen"

An Unique Western Comedy, with Beautiful Dorothy Gish and Baldy Belmont.

—Mary Fuller comes next after tomorrow in "Virtuose," a rousing comedy-drama presenting her in an entirely new and original role.

—"A Captain of Villainy" is the next Warren Kerrigan Feature after this week.

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The Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MAC GRATH

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CHAPTER XIV.

Norton Makes a Discovery.

Perhaps the most amusing phase of the secret agent's discomfiture was the fact that neither Jones nor Florence had the least idea what had happened. Florence regretted a hundred times during the evening that she had not gone out to the summer house. It might really have been her father. Her regret grew so deep in her that just before going to bed she confessed to Jones.

"You received a letter of that sort and did not show it to me?" said Jones, astonished.

"You warned me never to pay any attention to them."

"No; I warned you never to act upon them without first consulting me. And we might have made a capture! My child, always show me these things. I will advise you whether to tear them up or not."

"Jones, I believe you are going a little too far," said Florence haughtily. "It might have been my father."

"Never in this world, Miss Florence. Still, I beg your pardon for raising my voice. What I do and have done is only for your own sake. There are two things I wish to impress upon your mind before I go. This can be made a comedy or a terrible tragedy. You have already had a taste of the latter; and each time you escaped because God was good to us. But he is rarely kind to thoughtless people. They have to look out for themselves. I am acting under orders; always remember that."

"Forgive me; I acted wrongly. But I'm so weary and tired of this eternal suspicion of everybody and everything. Can't I go somewhere, some place where I can have rest?"

"If I thought for a single moment it was possible to take you thousands of miles from this spot, it would be done this very night. But this is our fortress. So far it has been impregnable. The police are watching it; and that prevents a general assault by the scoundrels. If we tried to leave we would be followed; and they play that game exceedingly well. Now, good-night. We'll have you out of all this doubt and suspicion one of these days. There will not be any past; that will be lopped off as you'd lop a limb from a tree."

"Please let it be quick. I want to see my father."

Jones' eyes sparkled. "And you have my word that he wants to see you. But I dare not tell you."

"Do you think he would object to Mr. Norton?" she asked, studying the rug.

"In what capacity?" he countered, forcing her hand.

"As—as a husband?" bravely.

Jones in turn studied the patterns in the rug. "It is only natural for a father to look high for his daughter's husband. But, after all, an honest man is worth as much as anything I know of. And Norton is honest and loyal and brave."

"Thank you, Jones. I intend to marry him when the time comes; so you may as well prepare father for this eventuality."

"There is an old adage—"

But she interrupted him. "If you have a new adage, Jones, I shouldn't mind hearing it. But I'm only just out of school, where old adages are served from soup to pudding. Good-night."

And Jones went to the rear of the house, chuckling.

In the passing it might well be observed that the Hargreave house had a remarkable menage. There was a gardener, a cook, and a maid; and the three of them reported to Jones each night before going to bed. They were all three detectives from one of the greatest organizations in America.

Finding themselves unable to lure Florence away from the environs of the Hargreave home, the Black Hundred set some new machinery in motion. They proposed to rid the house of every one in it by a perfectly logical device. But the first step in this new move was going to be extremely delicate and risky. It was no small adventure to enter the Hargreave home; and yet this must be done. So finally "Spider" Beggs was selected for the work. The man could practically walk over crockery without causing a sound; he could climb a house by the window ledges; and he could hold his breath like those professional tank swimmers.

Three or four nights after the Paroff fiasco, Jones started the rounds, putting out the lights. He left the one in the hall till the last, for it was his habit, after having turned off that light, to stand by the door for several minutes, watching. One never could tell.

On the other hand, "Spider" Beggs never approached a house till an hour after the lights went out. Persons were likely to move about for some minutes later; they might want something to eat, a drink of water. So he remained hidden behind the summer house till long after midnight. When at last he felt assured that all in the Hargreave house were asleep, he moved out cautiously. Both his future and his pocketbook depended upon

Here Was an Operation That Needed All His Care and Skill.

the success of this venture. It took him ten minutes to crawl from the summer house to the veranda, and to have detected this approach Jones, had he been watching, would have needed a searchlight. Beggs hugged the lattice work for another ten minutes and then drew himself up and wriggled to one of the windows. Here was an operation that needed all his care and skill; to lift this window without sound. But he was an old hand and windows with ordinary locks were playthings under his deft touch. He raised the window, stepped over the sill into the library, and crouched down. He did not close the window; house thieves never do. They leave windows and doors open, because sooner or later they have to make their escape that way.

Presently he stood up, flashed his torch, found the library shelves, and tiptoed toward them. He then selected three or four volumes, opened them at random and laid neat packages of money between the leaves. It was not real money, but only a bank clerk could have told that. This done, he moved toward the window again.

"Stop!" said Jones quietly.

"Spider" Beggs gasped, it was so unexpected; but at the same time almost instinctively he plunged headlong through the window, and the bullet which followed snipped a lock of his hair. He threw himself off the veranda and scurried across the lawn, zigzag fashion. But no more bullets followed.

Jones turned on the lights and investigated the room, but he could not find anything disturbed, and naturally came to the conclusion that the intruder had been interrupted before he had begun his work. He turned off the lights and sat up the major part of the night. Nothing more happened. Florence came down, but he sent her back to bed, explaining that some one had attempted to enter the house and he had taken a shot at him.

"Spider" Beggs had a letter to write. He was in high feather. He had tackled a difficult job and had come away without a scratch. But he had the misfortune to write his letter to the secret service officials in a hotel often frequented by Norton. And so Jim, on finishing his own letter, blotted it and casually glanced at the blotter. A single word caught his eye. Being an alert newspaper man, always on the hunt for stories, he examined the blotter with care. It was an easy matter for him to read writing backward, having fooled away many an hour in the composing rooms. The word which had awakened the reportorial sense in him was "counterfeit." He held the blotter toward the mirror and read enough to satisfy himself that the Black Hundred had become active once more. And this was one of the best ideas they had yet conceived.

Hargreave had always been something of a mystery to his neighbors. Where he had lived in other days was unknown; neither had any one the remotest idea from what source his riches had been obtained. And nothing was known of Jones or the daughter. It was a very shrewd method of clearing every one out of the house and leaving it to be examined at leisure. And he had fallen upon this thing; he, Norton, all because his tailor had written him a sharp note about his bill and he had been provoked to reply in kind! Counterfeit money. There was quite a flurry these days over certain issues of spurious paper. It was so good that only experts could detect it. There were two plates, one for a ten and another for a twenty. For a while he was pulled between duty and love. Well, it would only add another interesting chapter to the general story when he published it. He started out to Riverdale to acquaint Jones with the discovery.

"Humph!" said Jones; "not a bad idea this. So that's what the sneak was doing here last night. I've been wondering and wondering. Let's have a look."

He went through the books and at length came across the three volumes. These held a thousand in excellent counterfeit.

"Mighty good work that. What are you going to do?" asked the reporter.

Jones rubbed his chin reflectively. "How long may a counterfeiter be sent up?"

"Anywhere from ten to twenty years."

"That will serve. My boy, this time we'll go and take Mr. Black Hundred right in his cubby hole.

"You know where it is?"

"Every nook and corner of it. Now you go at once to the chief of the local branch of the secret service and put the matter to him frankly. I, Florence, Susan, and the rest of us must be arrested. The wretches must believe that the house is empty. They'll rove about fruitlessly and will return to their den to report the success of the coup. All the while you and some detectives will be in hiding upstairs, dictagraph and all that. When the time comes you will follow. This will not reach the heads, perhaps, but it will demoralize the organization in such a way as to make it helpless for several months to come. There is a tunnel from the stables to this house."

"What, a tunnel?"

"Yes, Mr. Hargreave had it built several years ago. I don't know what his idea was; possibly he anticipated an event like this. You and your men will find entrance by this method. It can be done without exciting the suspicions of the watchers."

"Looks as if my yarn wasn't going to be delayed so long after all. Jones, you ought to have been in the secret service yourself," admiringly.

Jones smiled and shrugged. "I am perfectly satisfied with my lot—or would be if the Black Hundred could be wiped out of existence."

"I'll see the secret service people at once. I stand in well with them all."

"And good luck to you. We'll need good luck."

Norton was welcomed cordially by the chief. The secret service men trusted him and told him lots of tales that never saw light on the printed page. The reporter went directly to the point of his story, without elaboration, and the chief smiled and handed him the original letter.

"Norton, I've been after this gang of counterfeiters for months and they are clever beyond words. I've never been able to get anywhere near their presses. And for a moment I thought this note was from a squealer. I've a dozen men scouring the country. They find the bogus notes, but never the men who pass them. You see, it's new stuff. I know what all the old timers are at; but none of them has had a hand in this issue. Some foreigners, I take it, under the leadership of a man I'd very much like to know. Now, what's your scheme?"

Jim outlined it briefly.

"It all depends," said the chief, "upon the fact that they will be impatient. If they have the ability to wait, we lose. But we can afford to risk the chance. The man who wrote this letter is not a counterfeiter. He's an old yeggman. We haven't heard anything of him lately. We tried to corner him on a post office job, but he slipped by. He may be a stool. Anyhow, I'll draw him in somehow."

"There'll be some excitement."

"We're used to that; you too. All we've got to do is to locate this man Beggs. There are signs of spite in this letter. Very well played, if you want my opinion. What's this Black Hundred?"

"I'm not at liberty to tell just yet. It's a strange game; half political, half blackmail. It's a pretty strong organization. But if they're back of this counterfeiting, there's a fine chance of landing them all."

Here the chief's assistant came in. "Got Beggs on the wire. Says he'll conduct you to the home if you'll

"Tell him he shall have immunity on the word of the chief. But also say that he must come to see me in person."

"All right, sir."

"I don't believe it would be wise for Beggs to see me here. I gave him a good send-off—Sing Sing—five years ago. He may recollect," said Norton.

"Suit yourself about that. Only, keep in communication with me by telephone and I'll tip you off as to when the raid shall take place. Lucky you came in. I should have honestly gone there and arrested innocent people, and they would have had a devil of a time explaining. It would have taken them at least a week to clear themselves. That would leave the house empty all that time."

Norton did not reply, but he put the blotter away carefully. There was no getting away from the fact, but the god of luck was with him.

"Do you know what's back of it all?"

"I can't tell you any more than I have," said Norton.

"Then I pass. I know you well enough. If you've made up your mind not to talk a man couldn't get anything out of you with a can-opener. And that's why we trust you, my boy. Don't forget the telephone."

"I shan't. So long."

That same night Braine paid the Russian woman a brief visit.

"I think that here's where we go forward. The secret service will raid the house tomorrow and then for a few days we'll roam about as we bally please. I'm hanged if I don't have every plank torn up and all the walls pulled down. More and more I'm convinced that the money is in that house."

"Don't be too confident," warned Olga. "So many times have we been tripped up when everything seemed in our hands. The house should be guarded, but not entered for a day or two; at least not till after the raid is cold. I'm beginning to see traps everywhere."

"Nonsense! Leave it to me. We shan't stick our heads inside the Hargreave house till we are dead certain that it is absolutely empty. Olga, you're a gem. I don't think Russia will bother us for awhile. Eh? Paroff will not dare tell how he was flimflammed. The least he can do to save his own skin is to say that we are fully capable of taking care of ourselves."

Olga laughed. "To think of his writing a note like that! Florence would have recognized—and no doubt did—a palpable attempt to play an old game twice."

"How does she act towards you?"

"Cordial as ever; and yet . . ."

"Yet what?"

"I thought her an ordinary school girl, and yet every once in a while she makes what you billiard players call a professional shot. What matter? So long as they do not shut the door in my face, I ask nothing more. But do you want my opinion? I feel it in my bones that something will go wrong tomorrow."

"Stop!" Said Jones Quietly.

promise him immunity for some other offenses."

"Good lord, are you losing your nerve?" cried Braine impatiently. "The secret service has the warning; they find the green stuff, and Jones & Co. will mog off to the police station. And there'll be a week of red tape before they are turned loose again. They'll dig into Hargreave's finances and all that. We'll have all the security in the world to find out if the money is in the house or not. Why worry?"

"It's only the way I feel. There is something uncanny in the regularity of that girl's good luck."

"Ah, but we're not after her this time; it's the whole family."

"The servants too?"

"Everybody in the house will be under suspicion."

"And can you trust Beggs?"

"His life is in the hollow of my hand. You can always trust a man when you hold the rope that's around his neck."

Still the frown did not leave Olga's brow. With all her soul she longed to be out of this tangle. It had all looked so easy at the start; yet here they were, weeks later, no further forward than at the beginning, and added to this they had paid much in

The Dictagraph Registered Every Word.

lives and money. Well, if she would be fool enough to love this man she must abide with the consequences. She wanted him all by herself, out of danger, in a far country. He might tire, but she knew in her heart that she never would. This was her one great passion, and while her mode of living was not as honest as might be, her love was honest enough and unswerving, though it was not gilded by the pleasant fancies of youth.

"Of what are you thinking?" he asked when he concluded that the pause had been long enough.

"You."

"H'm. Complimentary?"

"No; just ordinary everyday love."

"Ah, Olga, why the deuce must you go and fall in love with a bundle of ashes like myself? Ashes and bitter ashes, too. Sometimes I regret. But the regretting only seems to make me all the more savage. What opium and dope are to other men, danger and excitement are to me. It is not written that I shall die in bed. I have told you that already. There is no other woman—now. And I do love you after a fashion, as a man loves a comrade. Wait till this dancing bout is over and I may talk otherwise. And now I am going to shake hands and hobnob with the elite—beautiful word! And while I bow and smirk and crack witticisms, I and the devil will be chuckling in our sleeves. But this I'll tell you, while there's a drop of blood in my veins, a breath in my body, I'll stick to this fight if only to prove that I'm not a quitter."

He caught her suddenly in his arms, kissed her, ran lightly to the door, and was gone before she could recover from her astonishment.

The affair went smoothly, without a hitch. Norton and his men gained the house through the tunnel without attracting the least attention. The Black Hundred, watching the front and rear of the house, never dreamed that there existed another mode of entrance or that there was a secret cabinet room.

Half an hour later the head of the secret service, accompanied by his men, together with "Spider" Beggs, who was in high feather over his success, arrived, demanded admittance, and went at the front of the business at once.

"Your name is Jones," began the chief.

The butler nodded, though his face evinced no little bewilderment at the appearance of these men.

"What is it you wish, sir?"

"I am from the secret service and I have it from a pretty good source that there is counterfeit money hidden in this house. More than that, I can put my hand on the very place it is hidden."

"That is impossible, sir," declared Jones indignantly.

"I'm an old hand, Mr. Jones. It will not do you a bit of good to put on that bold front."

Beggs smiled. How was he to know that this was a comedy set especially for his benefit?

"I should like to see that money," said Jones, not quite so bravely.

"Come with me," said the secret service man. "Where's the library?"

"Beyond that door, sir."

The chief beckoning to his men, entered the library, went directly to a certain shelf, extracted three volumes, and there lay the money in three neat packages.

"Good heavens!" gasped Jones.

"I shall have to request you and the family to accompany me to the station."

"But it is all utterly impossible, sir! I know nothing of that money, nor how it got there. It's a plot. I declare on my oath, sir, that I am innocent, that Miss Florence and her companion know nothing about it."

"You will have to tell that to the federal judge, sir. My duty is to take you all to the station. It would be just as well not to say anything more, sir."

"Very well; but some one shall smart for this outrage."

"That remains to be seen," was the terse comment of the secret service man.

He led his prisoners away directly.

Norton and his men had to wait far into the night. The Black Hundred did not intend to make any mistake this time by a hasty move. At quarter after ten they descended. Braine was not with them. This was due to the urgent request of Olga, who still had her doubts. The men rioted about the house, searching nooks and corners, examining floors and walls, opening books, pulling out drawers, but they found nothing. They talked freely, however, and the dictagraph registered every word. The printing plant, which had so long defied discovery, was in the cellar of the house occupied by the Black Hundred. Norton and his men determined to follow and raid the building. And the reporter promised himself a good front page story without in any way conflicting with his promises to Jones.

Events came to pass as they expected. The trailing was not the easiest thing. Norton knew about where the building was, but he could not go to it directly. He was quite confident that its entrance was identical with that which had the trap door through which he had been flung that memorable day when he had been shanghaied.

When they reached the building he warned the men to hug the wall to the stairs. The trap yawned, but no one was hurt. They scampered up the stairs like a lot of eager boys; broke the door in—to find the weird executive chamber dark and empty and an acrid smoke in their nostrils. This latter grew stifling as they blundered about in the dark. By luck Norton found the exit and called to the men to follow. They saw Beggs at the top of the stairway and called out to him to surrender. He held up his hands and the stairs collapsed. Real fire burst out and Norton and his companion had a desperate battle with flame and smoke to gain the street.

The fire was put out finally, but there was nothing in the ruins to prove that there had been a counterfeiting den there. There was, however, at least one consoling feature: in the future the Black Hundred would have to hold their star-chamber elsewhere.

It was checkmate; or, rather, it was a draw.

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The Master Key By John Fleming Wilson

3RD INSTALLMENT

By special arrangement for this paper, a photo-drama corresponding to the installments of "The Master Key," may now be seen at the leading moving picture theaters. By arrangement made with the Universal Film Mfg. Co., it is not only possible to read "The Master Key" each week, but also afterwards to see moving pictures illustrating our story.

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SYNOPSIS—Two prospectors, **James Gallon** and **Harry Wilkerson**, are partners. **Gallon** makes a rich find and draws a temporary plan of the location of the vein of gold. **Wilkerson** tries to steal these plans. **Gallon** resists and they quarrel. In the fight **Gallon** thinks he has killed his partner, and leaves him lying in the camp. **Gallon** arrives in a small western town, where he tells the sheriff that he and his partner were attacked by outlaws and that his partner was killed. The sheriff, his posse and **Gallon** go to the scene of the fight, but they do not find **Wilkerson**. The sheriff thinking **Gallon** has tricked him places him under arrest. Meantime **Wilkerson** has recovered and departed. That night **Gallon** makes his escape and later arrives in San Francisco. Here he takes ship. The captain of this vessel is a collector of curios. **Gallon's** mind is uneasy and he has visions of **Wilkerson** returning for the plans. In the captain's cabin is a chest where he keeps his curios. **Gallon** opens this and finds a Japanese idol, with one eye. He removes the eye and hides the plans in the idol. A fire breaks out in the ship, causing a fight among the sailors to get into the boats. **Gallon** returns to the deck to secure the chest and is left on board. The ship sinks, but **Gallon** saves himself. Having nothing on which to write he takes a key and an old nail and on the key scratches the probable location in latitude and longitude of the ship when it sank. He is picked up by a passing steamer and 18 years later endeavors to find the location of the gold strike, but does not succeed. At this time **John Dorr**, the superintendent of the Master Key mine, rescues **Ruth, Gallon's** daughter, from a tragic death following an explosion in the mine. Ruth, while exploring the tunnels, is thrown into an ore car by the explosion, which sends the car on its downward flight over the trestle. **Dorr**, while superintending the operations for a traveling bucket, sees her predicament, orders the bucket swung loose by its cable, and hanging down by his legs, he swings over the girl and pulls her up to him, the car rushing on and smashing over the ore dump. Constantly thinking of his former partner, **Wilkerson, James Gallon** is haunted by an apparition of the man he had robbed. His troubled mind almost becomes unbalanced by his anxiety. **Wilkerson**, who is alive, has continually searched for **Gallon**, and writes his cousin, a **Mrs. Darnell**, in New York, that he is at last on the right track. He arrives at the mine and confronts **Gallon**, who faints from fright.

CHAPTER V.

The Night Rider.

The light in the bungalow on the hill across the valley winked, as someone passed beneath it and the window.

"I can see clearly enough," said Wilkerson, "that there is a girl mixed up in this affair; Tom Gallon never walked like that."

He rode slowly down the steep hill till he reached the pumping engine. Bill Tubbs, the bulky, sodden-faced engineer, came to the doorway and looked up at the rider, wiping his greasy hands on a piece of waste.

"Is this 'The Master Key?'" demanded Wilkerson in a low tone, thrusting his dark face close to the engineer's.

"It certainly is," was the response.

"And—old Tom Gallon runs it?"

In some mysterious way each man realized that the other was a kindred soul.

Wilkerson reached into the scabbard of his saddle and pulled out a flask, divining Bill Tubbs' ruling vice; and the engineer, after a long drink, wiped his mouth with the back of his oily hands.

"So you are looking for Thomas Gallon, are you? Well, he owns this mine, but its mostly run by a young girl there in that bungalow on the hill. You see, Tom ain't up to what he used to be."

Wilkerson leaned farther over until his stirrup leather creaked underneath his weight.

"What's the matter?" he said tensely. "The mine not panning out?"

Tubbs looked up at him through his fire-seared and liquor-bleared eyes and nodded. "Yep, he's making some money, but the ore is getting worse every day and the old man sick up there in his house."

"Better have another drink, pardner," said Wilkerson, with sudden familiarity.

The engineer drank again and opened his loose lips to say: "I guess you knew Gallon in the old days?"

"I'm going up to see him now," said Wilkerson.

The Diary.

The man he was seeking lay propped up in bed fingering a gaudy cotton coverlet. When his daughter bent over him and asked him if he felt all right, he mustered a smile.

"There's nothing the matter with me, Ruth," he said strongly, and his glance sought that of John Dorr, who stood at the foot of the bed. The eyes of the two men met and Dorr imperceptibly nodded his head in token that he would not tell.

Ruth stooped over and said softly, as she had said a thousand nights, "By-low-by, papa; sleep tight!"

She left waving her hand, but almost instantly returned with a quick glance at Dorr and said: "Papa, I don't believe you do feel well; I'm going to make you something hot to drink. The mountain chill is in the air tonight."

Gallon looked up: "Yes, there always has been a chill in these mountains."

"Well, I'll bring you a toddy," Ruth called back as she went into the kitchen and shut the door.

When she was gone John nodded a pleasant "Good-night!" and also left.

Then old Thomas Gallon rose and went to his worn desk and got his well-thumbed diary:

"I am haunted" (he wrote slowly), "always haunted. Am I to die without knowing whether Wilkerson is alive and that Ruth is safe?"

At that moment he glanced up and thought he saw the sinister face of his former partner at the window. By the strongest effort of will he managed to control himself and went on writing:

"Wilkerson still alive by night! When will he come out into the day? He shall never have the key that would unlock the secret to my little girl's happiness. I will trust John."

Across the Continent.

It was no apparition that Gallon had seen at the window this time; it was really Wilkerson who, after one satisfied glance, rode swiftly away toward Valle Vista.

It was midnight when he rapped at the door of the railroad station and called the sleepy agent waiting for the 1:15 express.

"I want to get a telegram through right away!" he said brusquely. Wilkerson wrote on the yellow blank:

"Valle Vista, Cal., March 17, —

"Jean Darnell,
Astor House,
New York City, N. Y.:

"Have found Gallon at last.

"Address Master Key Mine tomorrow.

"WILKERSON."

Wilkerson strode out of the little office and mounted his horse. The weary animal tried to turn in toward its accustomed corral, but its rider reined it sharply back into the road toward "The Master Key" mine.

The Ghost Becomes Alive.

Tom Kane, who since the beginning of the camp had been the open-handed but close-mouthed cook, sounded his triangle just as the sun lit up the polished bottom of his copper dishpan.

Immediately poured out from the quarters of the unmarried men a stream of miners, who tramped down the dusty street and into the men's hall with many a loud jest and rude laugh.

As he had done for many years, Thomas Gallon went to the window to watch this morning ceremony. He saw the figures and faces of men faithful and familiar to him. Then his eye caught the figure of a horseman riding leisurely down the street, apparently careless of the scowls from the men against whom he brushed roughly.

The old man rubbed his eyes feebly and looked again; yes it was true; he could never mistake that figure nor that saturnine visage. God! why had his bullet not gone through that face?

"The Master Key."

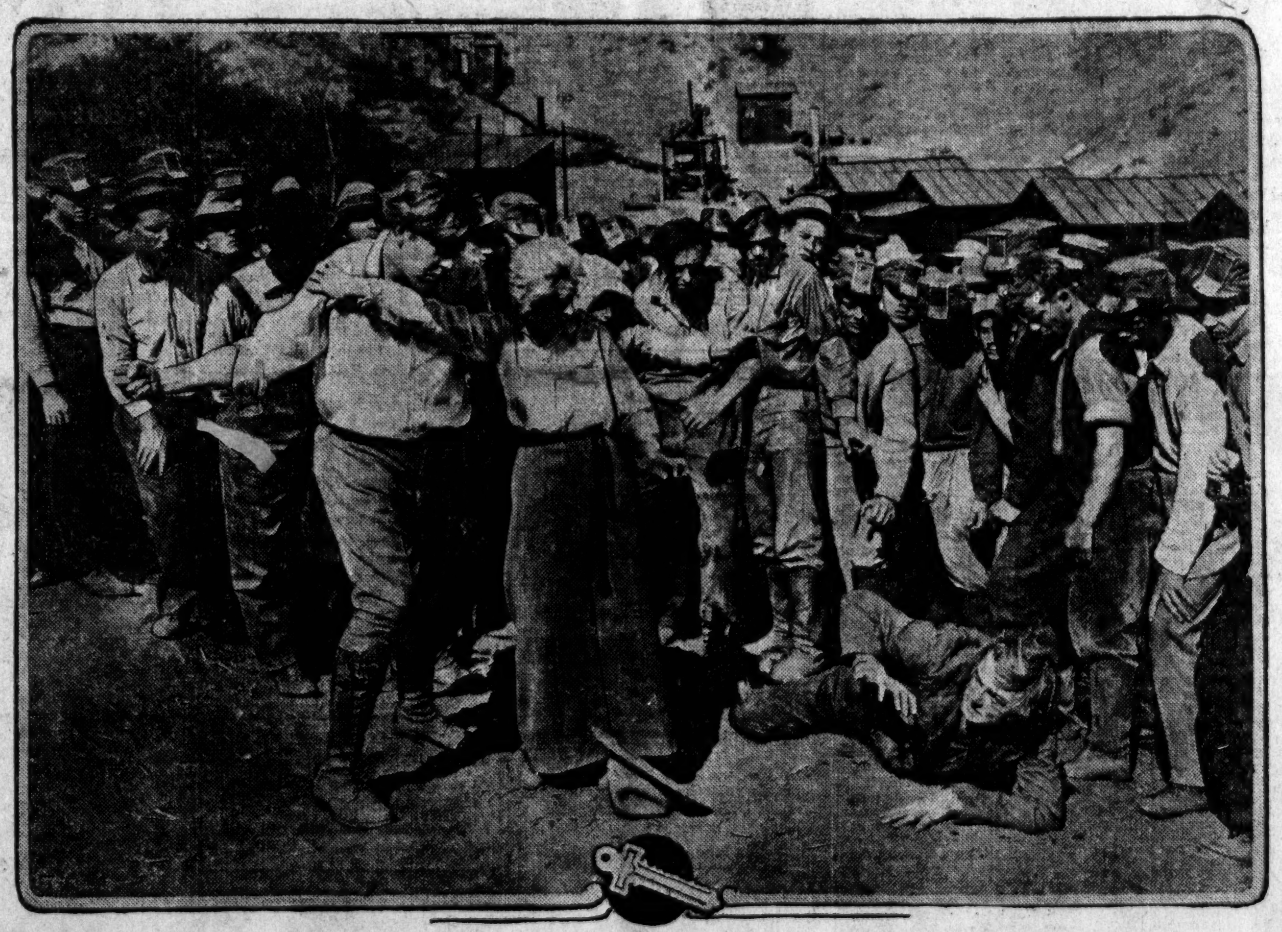
Harry Wilkerson saw that face at the window and his smile hardened. He rode quietly up to the porch of the bungalow. He thought he would take Gallon by surprise possibly, but before he rapped on the redwood door Gallon had had time to clutch the key—"The Master Key" to the riches in San Jacinto mine—and hurriedly thrust it into a drawer in the desk and shut it from sight.

As the door swung open the two men looked at each other. Gallon was silent. Might it not be once more an apparition, a ghost from out his remorseful soul? But the younger man brought grim reality into that scene when he said softly: "Pardner!"

"Pardner?" said Gallon, as if incredulous. Then he called to his aid all his frail physical strength to face the final catastrophe.

"Still partners," said Wilkerson, stepping on in and closing the door; "still partners in 'The Master Key!'"

Involuntarily Gallon clutched at his throat, where



that golden key hung so long; and then he managed to raise his eyes and say hoarsely: "What do you want?"

Wilkerson flung his riding quirt on the table and pulled off his gauntlets. "Well," he drawled, "partner, I guess there are several things I want"—he fixed his dark eyes on the old man—"and there's one thing I'm going to have and that's my share of 'The Master Key.'"

"Your share?" parried Gallon.

"Now listen, partner, I am going to stand no nonsense."

For one instant the mine owner's face grew stern and pitiless as it had been on that night when he had abandoned his dying partner. But he heard a step on the outside porch and his face softened. With a pleading gesture he turned to the man who confronted him:

"My God! Harry! I did it for the girl."

The evil soul of Wilkerson flared behind those cold eyes of his and for the first time in his life he told the truth of his inmost heart: "And I must have my share of 'The Master Key' to buy a woman."

"What woman?"

Wilkerson leaned forward and his lips hissed hate as he returned: "Do you remember that woman in Valle Vista five years ago? That woman you thought your little daughter too good to speak to? It was you who drove her out of camp, and now—" he smiled fatuously—"she's rich and in New York, and she hates you!"

"What is it you want, Harry?" Gallon whispered huskily.

The other man pulled a paper out of his pocket and threw it on the table. "There's a contract for you to sign."

At this moment the door opened and Ruth entered. She stared a moment at the visitor and then looked anxiously at her father.

"You were not well, father; how do you feel now?"

"I feel all right, my dear." Gallon glanced over at Wilkerson, caught the sinister meaning in his eyes and went on: "This is an old partner of mine, Ruthy—Harry Wilkerson."

Ruth shyly looked at the tall stranger and then shook hands with him. He held her gentle fingers a second too long; her face flushed and she retired without a backward glance.

Then Wilkerson swung on the old man harshly: "Well, I need a job. You need a new superintendent, don't you? I guess I'll take the place."

Wilkerson picked up a pen, dipped it and put it in the old man's hand; repeatedly tapping again with that finger whitened by long dwelling in the darkness of four walls, "Sign!"

Just as the last letter of that signature, which had so long stood for respectability, was blotted at the foot of the paper, Ruth entered.

"I think I saw you a little while ago. Your father has just made me superintendent of this mine. I'm his old partner, you know!"

Ruth looked at her father with consternation. "Why—why—I thought John—"

Thomas Gallon looked up and wiped his lips. "Yes," he said dully, "I have made my old—my old—partner, superintendent of 'The Master Key.'"

The New Superintendent.

It was part of Wilkerson's plan to work hastily and make sure of his position.

"Come on!" he said roughly to Gallon; "don't get excited; now take me down and introduce me to the boys."

Gallon sighed heavily as he obeyed. He was helpless. He led the way down the hill to the office, where John Dorr was now starting his day's work.

"John," he said heavily, "this is Harry Wilkerson, the new superintendent of the mine. He used to be my partner. It won't interfere with your work any." He paused for breath. "In fact, it will take a lot of extra details off your shoulders."

"Sure," said Wilkerson, "I'll take charge right away. He picked up a telegram blank and sat down at the desk with a new assurance. He looked up at the owner to say: "You need not worry any more about this office; I'll run it." As if he had been dismissed by his superior, Thomas Gallon stepped feebly away.

When he was gone Wilkerson wrote rapidly:

"Master Key Mine, via Silent Valley,
March 18, 19—

"Jean Darnell,
Astor House,
New York City, N. Y.:

"I have just been appointed superintendent of this mine; tell George; letter follows.

"HARRY."

The Broken Spirit.

After he had left his former partner in the office, Thomas Gallon slowly went up to the bungalow and stood on its porch to look after the mine and the village, which was the creation of his own former strength. It was no longer his; he was dethroned. Yet there was a glimmer of satisfaction in his dim eyes as he thought of the fact that the location of the real lode was unknown and that the plans that might reveal it were far beneath the waters of the Pacific. Wilkerson might have revenge; but he, after all, was not giving up everything. He went inside to the desk and picked out of the locker drawer the golden key which held his secret.

Whom could he trust with this? He looked out of the window and saw John Dorr. Yes, he could trust him. He went out on the porch and called to him.

"John!" he quavered. "I've already told you a little about my finding this mine and about my old partner."

"Wilkerson?"

"Yes, Wilkerson; but there is another secret. I lost the location of the mother lode in a wreck at sea. The chest slipped overboard; but find the wreck and somewhere near it is that old carved chest; and when you open the chest—" The old man suddenly staggered forward into Dorr's arms.

"I killed him once," he muttered feebly, and then the silence which presages the wordlessness of eternity overcame him. John gently laid him down on the bed and called Ruth.

As she entered one glance told her the story.

"Father!" she called softly, as she knelt by the bedside.

Thomas Gallon stood on the great divide.

"Ruthie! Ruthie!"

"I'm here, daddie!"

He paused to gather his strength. Then he motioned with his gnarled hand for John. The young man stepped quietly forward and stooped over.

"My will, John! I leave Ruth 'The Master Key.' In the desk—bring it!"

"Read it!" he whispered, and in obedience to that thin but imperious voice John Dorr opened the document and read it aloud:

" . . . I leave all my property to my daughter, Ruth, to come into her full possession on her eighteenth birthday. I direct her never to let go of 'The Master Key,' which will make my little girl happy."

So ran the last words. The old man lifted himself still farther up and called for a pen and ink. Then, mustering his failing powers, he wrote in a firm hand the further words:

"I direct that my daughter keep Harry Wilkerson as superintendent until she is eighteen. I appoint as executor of this, my last will and testament, John Dorr

"THOMAS GALLON."

The pen fell from his fingers and he lifted his trembling hand to his throat and tore at the string that held the golden key. It broke and he put the key in Ruth's lap.

"That is the secret," he muttered. "John knows—and Wilkerson. Trust John."

The dying man again opened his eyes and motioned toward the desk. "The letter!" he croaked.

Ruth's quick intuition led her to the desk again and she found in the same drawer that had held the will a sealed envelope addressed:

"John Dorr.

"To be opened on Ruth's eighteenth birthday. Sooner if her welfare is threatened."

"Child! 'The Master Key' keep always near you; some day—" he choked— "it will bring you riches, happiness and love."

Thomas Gallon, master of the fortunes of a thousand men, had met the mistress of destiny.

"The Pit That He Digged."

When he first heard that Gallon was dead Wilkerson was appalled. Had all his plans gone wrong? The one man on whom he could lay his hands and make do his will had escaped from his grasp through the door of death.

"I must get these people in hand," thought Wilkerson, "and do it damned quick."

He spent the afternoon in making a schedule for a sweeping reduction in wages. He took his pen and rapidly wrote out an order embodying his new schedule of wages. It was brief and to the point.

"After this day all wages in this mine will be reduced 25 per cent."

Three days later they buried Thomas Gallon far up the hill above the mine; Ruth, weeping bitterly on old Tom Kane's breast. When the last word had been said and the minister had closed his prayer book, John Dorr raised his hand above his head in signal to the engineer far below. The long blasts of the whistle were at once a farewell to the master who was gone and a greeting to the mistress who had come into her little kingdom.

Wilkerson, who had not felt it incumbent upon him to attend the funeral, and who had refused to allow the day shift to attend it, came angrily out of the office at the sound of the shrill siren.

"What does this infernal racket mean?" he yelled down to Ed Mayer, the loading boss, who was at the throttle.

"It means that Miss Ruth is running 'The Master Key,'" Mayer yelled back.

Roses and Thorns.

After the passing of Thomas Gallon, things at the mine went very quietly for a few weeks. John Dorr had accepted the subordinate position under Wilkerson and was faithfully devoting himself in the intervals of his duties to soothing Ruth's grief.

"I'd love to see New York!" she said a dozen times; and on each occasion John would smile at her and say: "You shall."

Neither of them realized that circumstances would shortly take them both, though separately, to New York; for there was piling up in a secret drawer in Wilkerson's desk, letters written in a woman's script. Some of them in scented envelopes on embossed paper. Each one of them was signed "Jean Darnell." When the seventh letter came the superintendent reread it many times:

"Astor House, New Y May 15, 19—

"Dear Harry:

"From what you say and from what I learn from George, I think that I would be willing to put up the money to buy control of your 'Master Key' mine; but you must be sure about this. I know that old Gallon made money out of it; but I'm also sure that he was concealing something, as you think. Make the mine worth while and—well, I remember my days in that camp—I'd like my revenge. George Everett will handle the stock end of it very quietly when you say the word. Don't let your ugly temper get away from you, and look out for Dorr.

"JEAN DARNELL."

"Now," thought Wilkerson exultantly, "I can put the screws on Dorr; I'll fire him."

At this moment the man he was thinking so bitterly of appeared, and Wilkerson, while his courage was still fresh, said insolently: "I see you are spending a good deal of time out of your office; the mine can't afford such extravagance; I guess we'll have to have a new mining engineer. I've sent for one, so you better pack!"

For the moment John did not speak; but the slow color rose in his cheeks until it seemed to overflow into the whites of his eyes. The superintendent slowly drew back, cringing beneath the contemptuous, angry gaze that at any moment might flash into a scorching flame. They confronted each other thus for a moment; then Dorr turned on his heel and walked off. As he did so he brushed into old Tom Kane.

"John!" said Tom, "I've got to talk to you. You better come down to the cookhouse and get a cup of coffee. It's—it's trouble!" The old man hastened away, his grim face bent toward the ground.

A moment later Dorr crossed that threshold that no one in "The Master Key" mine ever crossed unless invited. He saw something very like tears in the old cook's eyes as he handed him a cup of hot coffee.

"What is it, Tom?"

"The miners won't stand any more of Wilkerson and they are going to strike tonight, when the day shift comes off!" Tom croaked. "Lots of them are packing their duds now to get out. Damn him! He has ruined little Ruthie's property!"

"I'm afraid its up to them, Tom," Dorr said, a little huskily. "I have been discharged and I am leaving myself tonight." He was perfectly amazed at the effect of his words.

Evening.

Dropping the coffee pot with a crash on the top of the range, Tom Kane dashed out of the door and into the nearest group of miners, gesticulating and laughing hysterically. He said two words and then rushed back, his bright eyes gleaming fiercely.

"That saves the mine for Ruthie, John!" he gasped. "The miners were just going to quit quiet-like; now they will make Wilkerson take you back and you can make him straighten matters out with them."

He peered anxiously up into the young man's face: "You won't desert her, will you, John?"

With an inarticulate growl John swung out into the sunshine and elbowed his way through the streaming throng of miners just coming off shift. Ahead of him he saw Wilkerson talking very ugly to an old miner, who seemed to be arguing earnestly. He saw the superintendent and the miner re-enter the office and a moment later Ruth appeared.

As Dorr came to the office door he heard the sound of a scuffle within. He kicked open the frail barrier and stood inside just in time to see Wilkerson draw a gun on the old miner.

"Drop that gun, you dog!" he bellowed, and with one leap was at Wilkerson's throat. As if by magic, the door was filled with grimy and bearded faces; landing a heavy blow on the chest, that sent Wilkerson staggering back, John flung the gun crashing through the window, swung around on the miners in the doorway and said: "Keep out of this! This is my fight!"

Wilkerson, like the traditional cornered rat, was now ready to fight furiously. He was no pygmy in strength and as agile as a panther. He managed to land two stinging blows on John's eye before Dorr drove him up against the wall, laid his powerful hands on him and thrust him to the floor in absolute helplessness. His fist was lifted to give the final finishing blow when he caught sight of Ruth's white face. He jerked Wilkerson to his feet, flung him into the corner and strode silently out. She ran to him and demanded breathlessly:

"John! John! what is the matter?"

"That hound in there discharged me! I am going to leave tonight."

Her eyes slowly filled with tears. "You are not going to leave 'The Master Key' mine, are you, John? And—and—"

"Get the dynamite and blow the fellow up!" bawled a couple of hoarse voices.

Quickly John drew Ruth aside in the shelter of one of the cottages and said hurriedly: "This must be stopped, Ruth; I'll get out there and stop them!"

His stentorian voice rang out across the throng: "Stop, men! Stop!"

Dorr saw that the crowd was getting out of hand. He perceived three or four of the tunnel men racing down the hill to join in the fracas. One of them, he was sure, had been to the powder house. He gritted his teeth and made his last appeal.

"Ruth! Ruth Gallon!" he called.

Doubtless none of the miners had noticed her presence, and when her slender figure moved out from a doorway toward the man who was trying to hold them in check there was a dead silence.

It was broken by wild and tumultuous cheers as John lifted Ruth on the box and she held out her slender arms in girlish entreaty to the men she knew so well.

Cowed, yet as ever alert to snatch at any opening, Wilkerson now came boldly on the scene. Just as he had bluffed his way many a time before, he now made a play on which he knew his own safety depended. He mounted on the box beside Ruth: "Miss Gallon has asked me to restore the former rate of wages," he shouted. "It has been done."

What meant that ominous silence? What more must he say to those faces upturned to his, that could wipe the hate out of their eyes and unclinch those fists? He knew what they were waiting for and yet it was the bitterest draft he had ever swallowed. He licked his lips and went on: "And I have reappointed John Dorr to run this mine."

Once inside the office, Wilkerson went to his desk and unlocked the drawer which held that seventh letter. "Some time—" he muttered meaningly.

(To Be Continued.)

"THE DEFICIT IN THE STATE TREASURY; CONTRIBUTING CAUSE AND THE REMEDY"

"How to Equalize the School Term Over the State, Secure a Six-Months Term and Save Half Million Dollars Annually—Present System Inequitable and Probably Unconstitutional."

(By GEORGE E. BUTLER.)

(The article printed herewith is written by Mr. George E. Butler, a prominent lawyer of Clinton, a brother of ex-Senator Marion Butler and one of the leading Republicans of the State. Mr. Butler says in a note to the editor: "This article represents several years study of this question and is written from a non-partisan standpoint, and I trust will appeal to the entire citizenship of the State." The importance of the matter treated and the deep and widespread interest in the subject at this time in North Carolina render the article timely, while Mr. Butler's recognized ability and the study that he has given the subject entitle his contribution to publication, which, of course, does not in any measure commit The Star to the position taken by the writer.—Editor).

That the public revenues are insufficient to meet our State appropriations and the necessary expenditures to run the State government is an admitted fact. This annual deficit in our State Treasury is growing and has become a matter of grave public concern. This deficit will amount to about one-half million dollars this year. Some remedy must be offered to increase public revenues, or to curtail the public expense, otherwise more State bonds must be sold, and in the selling of bonds to meet the running expenses of the State, there is a limit, and that limit has been reached already and passed.

There must be a reason for this condition in our State's finance, and it is the purpose of this communication to suggest to our newly elected legislators some of the causes that have contributed to this condition, and a possible avenue of escape from the threatening effort to put another issue of State bonds on the market.

Since the voters failed to pass the seventh amendment to our State Constitution at the last election, the incoming Legislature is face to face with a proposition that will tax their ingenuity and statesmanship. More appropriations will be demanded by the various departments of the State, besides the necessary funds to meet a growing deficit in the treasury. The public schools must be provided for, in order that the splendid progress we have made in education in the State shall not be impeded; and in what is to follow I do not want to be understood as suggesting a remedy that will hinder our educational progress, but shall point out some serious defects in our educational system, the result of which has greatly depleted our State treasury, and at the same time has worked a great injustice to the tax-payers and the school children in at least two-thirds, if not all of the counties of the State.

To correct this injustice will aid and stimulate public education in the State and at the same time save the State Treasury perhaps one-half million dollars annually.

To point out these defects it is necessary to review briefly some legislative history. In 1901 the Legislature desiring to stimulate the public schools and to lengthen the school term, passed an act, Chapter 508, Public Laws 1901, therein providing for an annual appropriation of $100,000, out of the State Treasury to be divided among all the children of school age, per capita, in every county in the State. In the same act it provides for another $100,000 to be annually appropriated out of the State treasury, to be apportioned to the weak counties only, to bring their school term up to the constitutional requirement of our months school, and to equalize the school term over the State.

These appropriations were an additional fund to supplement the regular State tax on polls and property for public schools. The purpose of these annual appropriations was commendable and much good to the schools has resulted therefrom, but the result aimed at has not been attained. Equality of school term and school advantages contemplated by the Constitution has failed to materialize, and, strange as it may seem, the long looked for four months school term, instead of being hastened by this legislation, in many instances, has been actually retarded thereby.

As to the first $100,000 provided in the act of 1901, it was apportioned then, and has been annually ever since, to all the counties alike, according to their school population. This did a good deal of good, but many of the counties then, and still more since, already had the constitutional requirement of a four months school, without this appropriation, some having from six to eight months school; therefore this appropriation did not tend to equalize the school term; if anything, its effect was to widen the inequality of the school term. Its beneficial effect was simply to lengthen the term generally. The second $100,000 appropriation, in the same act, was intended, as stated above, to bring the weak counties up to the four months school term and tend to equalize the school term over the entire State. This appropriation has likewise been continued ever since, and should have greatly stimulated education in the 60 or 70 counties in the State that have received this fund, and lengthened their school term, but the distribution of this fund has not been satisfactory. Many counties of the State when this act was passed in 1901, and each year since, have failed to ask for, or get any of this appropriation, as their school term was far beyond the four months limit from their own taxes; other counties refused to ask for any of it, the first year, as their reports showed they already had the four months school term, but later, stimulated by the fact that neighboring counties did get some of this fund, made demands upon this fund and received a part thereof; and many other counties, which, at first, made only modest demands upon this State fund, afterwards increased their demands upon it and are receiving now, more than 10 years after the fund was originated, more than they did when the fund was provided in 1901, notwithstanding the taxable property in these counties and the general school fund therefrom, have perhaps doubled in that period.

The effect of the law, however commendable, has stimulated many of the counties to become beggars from a fund they do not now actually need, but continue to draw heavily upon. Many counties have observed that by their economy in disbursing their school fund and thereby securing a four months school, they have gained nothing by such economy, for other counties with equal facilities for running a four months school have demanded and received a part of the pauper fund from the State, and they are likewise tempted to abandon their economy and to so administer their county fund, so they can show a condition in their county that will entitle them to a part thereof.

The net result in the State has been that instead of the counties obtaining a four months school from their own taxes, they have annually demanded more and more of this fund from the State Treasury, to maintain a four months school, notwithstanding the annual increase in the property in the county and likewise an increase in the total school fund from the general tax.

As evidence of this, the Legislature of 1909, see Chapter 525 Public Laws of 1909, was asked and granted an additional $25,000 appropriation annually to be added to this second $100,000, which made $125,000 annually, to bring these weak counties, strangely growing weaker each year since 1901, up to a four months school. As soon as a county gets self-supporting from an educational standpoint, it will no longer get any of this $125,000, hence why get self-sustaining? This is not intended as a criticism of any particular school officials in the counties or in the State, but is intended as a criticism of a school system that has in a measure thwarted the laudable purpose of the Legislature, by stimulating other things, rather than the length of the school term, the primary purpose of these large annual appropriations. Fair and honest criticism is always healthy and should be encouraged, and I trust in this article I shall not exceed those bounds.

In an effort to remedy some of these defects the Legislature of 1909, Chapter 508, provided that the State should annually appropriate $100,000 to equalize the school term over the State, but the weak counties, in order to get any part of this fund were to levy a special tax for one-half of the funds needed and the State would pay the other half out of this State appropriation. This plan ran along until 1913, and many of the counties refused to levy any special tax for this purpose, claiming that the County Boards of Education with proper economy and management, had already sufficient funds to run the schools four months, and cited them to the fact that the county school fund was about three times as large as it was in 1901, and more than a four months term should be had with the funds already in hand from the general school tax. This conflict with the County Commissioners made this act of 1909 unpopular and so the Legislature of 1913 was asked to repeal the act of 1901 and the act of 1909 and thereby repealed the annual appropriation of $225,000 to the public schools and were requested to pass and did pass an act in lieu thereof, appropriating annually $250,000 out of the State Treasury to be apportioned per capita to the school population in every county in the State, and this act further provided that there should be set aside annually five cents on each $100 of real and personal property in the State, levied for State purposes, and deducted from the State tax and held as a separate fund, to be known as "The State Equalizing School Fund," and turned over by the State Treasurer annually to the State Board of Education to provide a six months school term in every school district in the State. This law is Chapter 33, Public Laws of 1913, and amended by Chapter 88, Public Laws of 1913. We had some curiosity to know how much this five cents on each $100 taxable property in the State would amount to, and upon inquiry to the State Treasurer, we learn that the State Treasurer has ascertained this fund to be $401,015.72, and he states he has actually paid this sum this year, from the State tax to the State Board of Education, to supplement the school fund.

This annual sum is in addition to the $250,000 annual appropriation paid out of the State Treasury to the schools upon the per capita basis. The total makes $651,015.72 annual appropriation, to schools, in addition to the general State school tax on property and polls. This large fund in addition to the general school tax of 20 cents property tax, together with the fines, forfeitures and penalties from all the State and city courts, together with the $1.50 on the polls, all of which goes into the school fund, should give the State over a six months school term, and by reason thereof, we may find one of the explanations why the voters of the State failed to pass, at the last election, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a six months school.

We believe the people of the State generally favor a six months public school term, and to such a policy we heartily give our approval, but we have serious doubt that the people of the State generally favor the method adopted by the Legislature of 1913 to attain that end.

We venture to assert that a six months school term can be provided in every county in the State without this annual appropriation of $250,000 out of the State treasury and without this five cents on each $100 taken from the State tax, amounting this year to over $400,000, and this can be done without any reduction in teachers' salaries or the necessary expenses in administration.

Section 2, of Article 9, of the State Constitution provides: "That the General Assembly, at its first session under this Constitution, shall provide by taxation and otherwise for a general and uniform system of public schools, wherein tuition shall be free of charge to all the children of the State, between the ages of six and twenty-one years." It was evidently the intent of the framers of our Constitution that every child in the State should have equal school advantages and they expressly provide that there shall be a "general and uniform system." The Legislature has provided a method of distributing the school fund in the State that is not within the spirit or express terms of the Constitution. Under this legislative direction all the taxes levied and collected for public schools in each county are held and expended in that county; and the result is, our school system and school facilities are anything but "general and uniform."

For instance, Durham county, a very small county, has perhaps four times as much taxable property as the county of Sampson, the second largest county in the State, yet perhaps no more children. There is eighteen millions taxable property in the city of Durham alone, which is nearly three times the taxable property in the entire county of Sampson. Durham has million dollar corporations, and these are created, chartered and operated under the laws of the State, and are in the broadest sense State institutions, and the school tax paid by these large corporations should be a part of the State school fund, but instead the entire school tax, collected in Durham county and other counties, are held and expended in that county, and the consequence is that Durham county and many others have an eight months school term, and from 60 to 70 of the weaker counties have had less than a four months school term, and are called pauper counties, demanding and getting annually an appropriation from the State Treasury to give them a four months school term.

Under the present system Stanly county, when the great aluminum plant at Baden is completed with its ten million dollars of French capital, will retain all the tax from this foreign capital and thereby double its school term. Why should not all the school tax from all the counties be put in the State Treasury and then apportioned out per capita and equally to all the counties in the State, so as to give each county the same length of school term?

Every tax-payer in the State pays identically the same general school tax, that is, 20 cents on each $100 of property and $1.50 on the poll. Then if every man in the State pays the same general school tax, why not every man's child in the State get the same school advantages? The Constitution so provides.

If the Legislature should make this change in the school system, then what would be the inevitable result? The counties now rich in foreign capital would have their school term reduced from eight months each year to six months, and the rural counties would get their school term moved up from four months to six months. All the school money in every county would be sent to the State Treasury and there apportioned to each county per capita, insuring a "general and uniform" system under the Constitution, and all getting a six months school term and this without the $250,000 annual appropriation out of the State Treasury, and without this setting aside of over $400,000 out of the State tax to equalize the school term. Do you wonder we have a deficit in the State Treasury?

This plan will lengthen the school term in 65 counties in the State to six months, and will not seriously injure the schools in the other 35 counties for it will leave them with a six months school term also, and that is enough from the State. If they need more let it be provided by local tax. If the State then is not satisfied with the length of the school term, then let the Legislature appropriate as many thousand dollars as they see fit, and have the funds to spare, to all the counties per capita and that will maintain the equality of school term and save the $401,015.72 now taken from the State tax to equalize the school term.

It may be contended that the plan we have suggested, is unconstitutional, but the courts have not so decided. The Board of Education of Duplin County-vs-The State Board Education, reported in the 114 N. C. Report, page 313, had this very question before them in 1884, but in that case the County Board was attempting by a Mandamus against the State Board to compel them to divide the entire school fund of the state per capita to all the counties, and the Supreme Court held that this was within the providence of the General Assembly, and not the State Board of Education, to establish a uniform system of public schools as provided for in the Constitution. The Legislature however has failed to act, and it is a serious question whether or not our present system of apportioning the school fund is within the letter and spirit of our Constitution.

The case of The City of Greensboro-vs-Hodgin, Treasurer of Guilford County, reported in the 106 N. C. Report, page 182, was an action was brought in 1890 by the City of Greensboro under its charter, which then provided that all the taxes in the city should be applied exclusively to support the schools of the city. The Supreme court held that such provision was unconstitutional and void. Chief Justice Merriman in his well considered opinion, among other things says: "The system of public schools must be general, not local, not limited to one or more localities in the State; it must extend and prevail throughout its borders; and so, also, it must be uniform in all material respects as contemplated by the Constitution.

"The system, whatever it may be, in whatever manner constituted, must be general and uniform as a whole, and therefore so in all its material parts, the purpose being to extend to all the children within the prescribed ages, where ever they may reside in the state, the same opportunity to obtain the benefits of education in free public schools, certainly to the extent that the state itself shall supply means to support such schools."

"The means so provided, and required to be provided, are to be faithfully appropriated and devoted to the support of such system of schools—not in one place or locally—more or less than another, but in all places and throughout the State, in like manner and just and equal proportions.

"The funds raised for the support of the schools are not to be distributed to the support of schools located in the neighborhood of those tax payers who paid the taxes, or most thereof, but is to be distributed as nearly as may be, per capita for the education of all the children of the state, as prescribed, without regard to who paid the taxes or the locality from which the fund, or most of it, came."

It would therefore seem that it is the duty of the Legislature to provide equal advantages to all the children of the State and that would be an equal per capita division, and that has not been done. There are certain funds going to the public schools that must remain in each of the respective counties. Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution provides that: "All moneys, stocks, bonds and other property belonging to a county school fund, also the net proceeds from the sale of estrays, also the clear proceeds of all penalties in the several counties from any breach of the penal or military laws of State, and all moneys which shall be paid by persons as equivalent for exemption from military duty, shall belong to and remain in the several counties."

These things constitute our "County School Fund" and added to the school tax on property and polls make up our total school fund, but it will be noticed that the Constitution does not say that the tax on polls and property in each county shall belong to and remain in the several counties, but the Constitution has been thus construed by Legislature, and the result has been that the per capita school fund in some counties is four times as large as in others, and the children getting four times the school facilities, yet the parents are taxed, in every county, identically the same on poll and property for the support of the public schools. Can anything be more inequitable and unjust!

The Legislature in its efforts to remedy this injustice and inequality, has taken from the state tax, now so much needed, for other needed improvements, a sum exceeding four hundred thousand dollars annually, when by adopting the simple method of putting all the school tax of every county in the State Treasury and dividing it out per capita to all the counties, a uniform system of schools and a uniform term, will be obtained all over the State, of at least six months, without detriment to the schools in any county in the State.

This article is submitted from the standpoint of a tax payer and a friend of universal education, but with fairness and equality to all the children and tax payers under the Constitution.

Clinton, N. C., Dec. 28, 1914.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNty of New Hanover:

By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

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R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

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COTTON MARKET ADVANCING

Price of Staple Rises Sharply on Yesterday's Session of Market. New High Ground.

New York, Jan. 2.—Cotton prices advanced sharply here today. The futures market opened quiet and business was only moderately active. Houses with foreign and western connections were buyers, however, and there appeared to be some demand from trade sources. All months made new high ground for the movement with October contracts selling up to 8.57, or 7 points above the best prices previously reached since the re-opening of the exchange on November 16th. The close was within a point or two of the best and steady at a net gain of 13 to 18 points.

The market opened steady at an advance of 5 to 7 points on covering and trade buying. Realizing caused some irregularity during the early trading but there was no Southern hedge selling and early advances from the interior indicated continued firmness in the spot markets.

Buying was also encouraged by reports of an improving tone in the market for cotton goods while the large amount of cotton reported on ship board not cleared at the end of the week, suggested a continued liberal export movement.

Buying became a little more general during the middle of the morning and the active months sold some 15 to 18 points net higher. The items most emphasized around the ring were continued firmness of the spot situation and the reports of improving trade.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 7.90; no sales.

Cotton futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	7:65	7:75	7:75	7:80
Mar	7:78	7:95	7:85	7:93
May	8:00	8:15	8:00	8:12
July	8:20	8:33	8:20	8:31
Oct	8:44	8:58	8:44	8:55

CLEARING HOUSE CONDITIONS.

New York, January 2. — The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows they held $144,084,920 reserve in excess of legal requirements. That is a decrease of $3,036,280 for last week.

Actual conditions:

Loans, etc., $2,291,508,000; increase, $12,411,000.

Reserve in own vaults (B.), 330,177,-000; increase, $1,761,000.

Reserve in Federal Reserve Banks, $100,297,000; increase, $1,798,000.

Reserve in other depositaries, $31,-990,000; increase, $518,000.

Net demand deposits, $2,022,165,000; increase, $41,986,000.

Net time deposits, $91,936,000; decrease, $1,544,000.

Circulation, $48,569,000; decrease, $4,-007,000.

(B.) of which $260,731,000 is specie, aggregate reserve, $462,966,000.

Excess reserve, $114,084,920; decrease, $3,036,280.

Summary of State banks and trust companies in Greater New York, not included in clearing house statement:

Loans, etc., $561,931,500; increase, $44,400.

Specie, $43,263,200; increase, $574,900.

Legal tenders, $12,595,100; increase, $327,800.

Total deposits, $645,579,300; increase, $825,300.

Bank cash reserve in vault, $11,605,-800.

Trust companies' cash reserve in vault, $44,252,500.

WHEAT TURNS UPWARD.

Urgent Demand for Exporters and Millers Made Prices Advance.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Urgent demand from exporters and millers gave wheat an upward swing today from the start. Closing prices although unsettled were ½ to 1¾c. net higher.

Corn finished ¾@⅞ to ⅞c. up; oats, with a gain of ⅜ and provisions varying from 2½ off to a rise of 7½.

Provisions and grain closed:

Wheat—May, 1.31; July, 1.19¼.

Corn—May, 73⅞; July, 75.

Oats—May, 54¼; July, 51⅜.

Pork—January, 18.65; May, 19.25.

Lard—January, 10.52; May, 10.80.

Ribs—January, 10.15; May, 10.55.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.27⅜@1.29; No. 2, hard, 1.27⅜@1.29¼.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 69.

Oats—Standard, 51.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, January 2.—Hogs, weak. Bulk, 7.15@7.35; light, 6.90@7.35; mixed, 7.00@7.40; heavy, 6.95@7.40; rough, 6.95@7.10; pigs, 5.50@7.20.

Cattle—Weak; native steers, 5.50@9.35; western, 5.00@7.80; cows and heifers, 3.00@8.10; cables, 7.50@11.00.

Sheep—Steady. Sheep, 5.90@6.80; yearlings, 6.90@8.00; lambs, 7.00@8.85.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, January 2.—Mercantile paper, 4@4½. Sterling exchange, weak; sixty day bills, 4.8150; cables, 4.8555; demand, 4.85. Bar silver, 48½. Mexican dollars, 37. Government and railroad bonds, steady.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, January 2.—Cotton goods and yarns were quiet today; many large houses being closed. Burlaps were firm. Linens ruled very firm.

NAVAL STORES CLOSED.

Savannah, January 2. — Naval stores market closed today.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 30.—North Carolina Peanuts—Market, steady; new crop, fancy hand picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts — Weaker. New crop Jumboes, 65c.; fancy, hand picked, 60c.; No. 1, machine picked, 50c. per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—Steady. New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

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RECORD BREAKING DULLNESS

First Session of Stock Market During New Year is Dullest for Day in Years.

New York, Jan. 2.—Record breaking dullness attended the opening of the new year on the stock exchange. In today's two hour session only 23,300 shares were traded in, some of the prominent issues failing to appear at all.

The undertone of leading stocks was barely steady after opening with general declines.

The only notable changes were in some of the inactive specialties. Shares of several of the automobile companies added to recent gains, while the Gould stocks showed more firmness.

Completion of the details connected with the $15,000,000 loan by local banking interests to Argentina was included in the small budget of general news and rumors of further loans to establish credits at this center for some of the European governments were revived. Sentiment regarding the outlook in London where market operations of a restricted character are to be renewed next Monday was somewhat chilled by the latest disaster to the British navy. London bankers according to private cables were arranging for the purchase of 250,000,000 francs, five per cent. French treasury bills.

Home news included more November railway returns, the Pennsylvania road showing a net loss of about $480,-000 for its Eastern lines and $320,000 on the part of the system west of Pittsburgh.

The weekly bank statement showed very few changes, loans and the cash increase being comparatively nominal with a $3,000,000 decrease of reserves.

Today's bond market was no less negligible than that for stocks. Total sales, par value, aggregated $551,-000.

For the week United States government and Panama bonds gained from 1-8 to 1 per cent. on call.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Schr. Thomas Windsmore, 387 tons, Higsby, at Southport; C. D. Maffitt & Co. (In distress).

Sailed.

Str. Seminole, Packer, New York, C. J. Becker, agent.

Str. Henry Williams, Huggins, Baltimore, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. City of Savannah (Amer.), 4,379 tons, Nelsen, D. H. Lippett.

Str. Osborn (Danish), 1,333 tons, Jorgensen, Henry Whyte.

Str. Newstead (Br.), 1,527 tons, Willett, Henry Whyte.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Hinke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Alice May Davenport, 910 tons, Wiley, C. D. Maffitt & Co. (In distress).

Schr. Thomas Windsmore, 387 tons, Higsby, at Southport; C. D. Maffitt & Co. (In distress).

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 2.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Nominal.

ROSIN — Steady. Large, $3.05; small, $2.95.

TAR — Firm, $1.80 per barrel; per gallon, 8c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 43; rosin, firm, $3.55; tar, firm, $2.50-11; crude turpentine, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	(—)
Tar	52
Crude Turpentine	(—)

Receipts same day last year, spirits turpentine, 6 casks; rosin, 31 barrels; tar, 70 barrels; crude turpentine, 53 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7⅝c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 456 bales; same day last year, 1,505 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 89,637 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 311,337 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Jan. 2.

Atlantic Coast Line—202 bales cotton; 52 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—148 bales cotton.

Str. Duplin—6 bales cotton.

Str. Henry Williams—100 bales cotton.

Total—456 bales cotton; 52 barrels tar.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Saturday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 60c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 23c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 28. — Spanish—Farmers' stock, market quiet, 90c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock, market firm. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb.; Fancy hand-picked, 3½c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3c. to 3 c. per lb.; Shelling stock, 2¾c. to 2¾c. per lb.

Have you joined the 1915 Savings Club at the American National Bank? (Advertisement) tf

RESERVE BANK STATEMENT

Reserve Deposits Have Increased Over Six Million in Twelve Banks in the Last Week.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Reserve deposits in the 12 Federal Reserve banks showed an increase of more than $6,-000,000 at the close of business December 31, according to today's weekly condition statement, which was:

Resources:

Gold coin and certificates $229,069,000.

Legal tender notes, silver certificates and subsidiary coin $26,573,000.

Total $255,647,000.

Bills discounted and loans: Maturities within 30 days $4,632,000; within 60 days $4,215,000; other $1,746,000. Total $10,593,000.

Investments $255,000.

All other resources $11,249,000.

Total resources $277,844,000.

Liabilities:

Capital paid in $18,051,000.

Reserve deposits $256,018,000.

Federal reserve notes in circulation (net amount) $3,775,000.

Total liabilities $277,844,000.

Gold reserve against all liabilities 88.2 per cent.

Cash reserve against all liabilities 98.4 per cent.

Summing up the week's showing the board said:

"The statement indicates a loss of 2.7 million dollars in total cash resources and of 3.5 million dollars in gold as compared with the previous week's figures. The loss of cash in the hands of the banks is more than offset by an increase of 3.7 million dollars of gold in the hands of the Federal Reserve agents. Loans and discounts show an increase of over two million dollars, Richmond, Minneapolis and Philadelphia and Dallas showing the largest gains in discount operations during the week. Chicago and New York for the first time report investments in public securities. The gain of 6.5 million dollars in all other resources is due chiefly to the increase in the amounts of national bank notes and Federal Reserve notes in the hands of the banks.

"Deposits show an increase of 6.2 million dollars, mainly at those banks which report a gain in discount operations. Federal Reserve agents report additional issues to the banks of 3.6 million dollars of Federal Reserve notes, but because of the still larger amounts of gold and lawful money in their hands and of Federal Reserve notes in the hands of the banks themselves the net liability of the banks upon their outstanding circulation was at the end of the year only slightly above 3.75 million dollars."

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	51¾
American Agricultural	offered. 48
American Can	25⅛
American Car and Foundry	44½
American Cotton Oil	38½
American Smelting	56
American Snuff	offered.155
American Sugar	102½
American Tel. and Tel	116¼
American Tobacco	B.217
Atchison	93
Atlantic Coast Line	offered. 99
Baltimore and Ohio	68¼
Canadian Pacific	B.155
Central Leather	37½
Chesapeake and Ohio	B. 40
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	87
Erie	21¼
General Electric	B.139
Great Northern, pfd	112¾
Illinois Central	107
Interborough-Met., pfd	50
Kansas City Southern	21½
Lehigh Valley	130⅝
Louisville and Nashville	112½
Liggett and Myers	offered.215
Lorillard Co	offered.159
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	8
Missouri Pacific	8
Mexican Petroleum	52½
New York Central	B. 80½
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	55
Norfolk and Western	98¼
Northern Pacific	100
Pennsylvania	104⅝
Reading	143
Rep. Iron and Steel	B. 18½
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	offered. 75½
Rock Island Co	⅝
Rock Island Co., pfd	B. 1⅝
St. L. and San Fran., 2nd pfd	B. 2⅝
Seaboard Air Line	B. 11¼
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	offered. 38
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	22½
Southern Pacific	82
Southern Railway	offered. 14
Southern Railway, pfd	offered. 58
Tennessee Copper	32½
Texas Co	B.130
Texas and Pacific	B. 11
Union Pacific	116
United States Steel	49⅜
United States Steel, pfd	104¾
Utah Copper	B. 49
Virginia-Caro. Chem	offered. 15
Western Union	57¾

DRY GOODS VERY INACTIVE.

But Prices During the Past Week Have Held Fairly Steady.

New York, Jan. 2.—Trading has been more inactive in cotton goods markets this week, but prices have held very steady. Two leading numbers of figures of 4-4 bleached cottons were placed at value preliminary to an advance, after active sales were made to the jobbing trades. The next merchandising movement looked for in the trade is the naming of prices on cotton blankets for the fall of 1915. The year went out with stocks of these goods cleaned up in first hands. As wool blankets will be very dear for next season because of the high price of wool and the active demand for export of army grades, cotton blankets bid fair to be in good demand. They will be cheaper because of lower cotton. Mills engaged on print cloths and staple convertibles are less inclined to sell contracts at prices they will accept for spots. Southern staple ginghams have been advanced from the low points and future orders are being taken subject to ability to secure dye stuffs.

There has been a steady search in all quarters of the market for job lots of cotton goods and buyers have found less than normal quantities offered. Export trade is developing slowly owing to financial complications abroad. Prices quoted are as follows: Print cloths 28 inch 64x64s, 2 7-8; 64x60s, 2 5-8; 18 1-2 inch 64x64s, 3 7-8; brown sheetings, Southern standards 6 1-4; denims, 9 ounce 13; tickings, 8 ounce 12 1-2; staple ginghams 6 1-4; standard staple prints 4 1-2; dress ginghams 9 1-4.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

January 3, 1915.

Meteerological data for 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 31 degrees, at 8 P. M. 47 degrees; maximum 56 degrees; minimum 29 degrees; mean 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month to date, .00 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 18.6 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Sunday and Monday, slightly colder Sunday.

The Port Calendar, Jan. 3, 1915.

Sun rises	7:13 A. M.
Sun sets	5:15 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 59 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	11:14	11:23	6:10	6:54
Southport	9:02	9:16	2:54	3:34
Masonboro Inlet	8:15	9:05	2:34	3:14

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

January 2, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	56	38	.0
Asheville	clear	42	26	.0
Atlanta	clear	50	34	.0
Augusta	clear	58	30	.0
Birmingh.	cldy	54	36	.0
Boston	cldy	34	22	.01
Charleston	clear	58	36	.0
Charlotte	clear	54	30	.0
Chicago	clear	20	12	.0
Galveston	cldy	58	50	.0
Jacksonv.	clear	62	38	.0
Memphim	pt cldy	48	36	.0
Mobile	clear	62	38	.0
Montgom'y	clear	62	34	.0
New Orl	clear	60	44	.0
New York	snow	32	24	.01
Oklahoma	cldy	52	32	.0
Palestine	clear	64	42	.0
Pittsburg	snow	32	30	.08
Raleigh	clear	52	28	.0
Savannah	clear	60	36	.0
Shreveport	pt cldy	62	36	.0
St. Louis	clear	32	24	.0
Washing'n	pt cldy	42	26	.0

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 30.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 80@90c. per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good sales.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb.; very dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 15@16 2-3 cents per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.; very dull.

FIVE COUNTIES FREED FROM THE QUARANTINE

Put Above State and Federal Line January 1st.

Cumberland, Wayne, Lenoir, Harnett and Greene Released—Bladen to Follow Soon—Importance of Tick Eradication.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 2.—Another large area of North Carolina was released from the cattle quarantine on January 1st. The counties of Cumberland, Harnett, Wayne, Lenoir and Green were put above the State and Federal quarantine line. There are still some infested farms in these counties that are under local quarantine and will remain so until they are freed from ticks. There are but 27 counties in the State now below the quarantine line. The most of these are small counties in the tidewater section. Work has been started in Bladen county and is progressing nicely.

Veterinary Inspector M. G. Smith, of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, in charge of the cattle tick eradication work in this section, says it will be but a matter of a few months until Bladen will be put above the quarantine line. Discussing the progress being made in this State, he says:

"The work of tick eradication has progressed nicely in this State for the last few years and if the counties now below the quarantine line would give the desired co-operation it would be but a very short time until the entire State would be freed from the pest and released from quarantine. The outlook is not the best at present since there seems to be so much dissatisfaction in some counties regarding the stock law. It would be very unfortunate, indeed, if the work were to be withdrawn from this State from lack of co-operation when there is the greatest demand for beef that this country has ever known.

"It might be well to note here that on January 1st, 1914, there were 7,305,-000 fewer cattle, hogs and sheep in the United States than there were in 1910. When the increase in population is considered it is estimated that the shortage of meat animals since 1910 is nine beef cattle, seven sheep and more than three hogs for each 100 people. So scarce has been the supply that our exports of meat had practically ceased until recently when the great European demand began taking large quantities of meat from our already scant supply. The South American countries are also over-taxed in trying to supply meat to the warring nations. If there ever was a time when tick eradication and intensive live stock farming should be in demand, it is now."

Information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club cheerfully given by an officer of this bank. American National Bank.—Advertisement tf

CONGRESSMAN GODWIN IS AT HOME AND IMPROVING.

Harnett Lumbermen Looking Forward to Improved Conditions.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Jan. 2.—Representative Hannibal L. Godwin is here to visit his family and is still suffering from the ailment which prevented his presence in Congress when the Hobson prohibition measure went down for the final count. He is improving, however, and will probably return to Washington at a very early date.

Since the railroads have been granted their petition for increased freight rates, local lumbermen are looking forward to improved conditions in the lumber industries, and it is thought that many of the mills of Dunn and its vicinity will resume operations in the near future. The Tilghman Lumber Co., one of the largest in Eastern Carolina, whose mills were forced to close because of the withdrawal of railway companies from the market, is rapidly disposing of its product on hand and will probably re-open early next month. This will go a long way toward relieving local business depression, as the mills employ several hundred men and they have been out of work for several months.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A bill to increase the coast artillery corps by 8,000 enlisted men, a measure identical with one by Chairman Chamberlain, of the Senate military committee, was introduced today by Representative Gardner. He explained it was in compliance with the recent statement of Brig. Gen. Weaver that the service was 565 officers and 10,988 enlisted men short.

Monday and Tuesday, two days to clean up all winter ready-to-wear at one-half price, at Polvogt's. (Advertisement.)

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND

Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach
.....	.....	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.
.....	.....	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.
.....	.....	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....

WESTBOUND

Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
a8:6. A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
b10:31A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:45 P. M.
c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 5:35 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 80. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. ‡ 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. ‡ 6:15 P.M.
No. 46. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:00 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 58. * 3:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 59. ‡ 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. ‡10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York—Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday. ‡ Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

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Lv. Durham

NEWS OF A DAY FROM THE STATE'S CAPITAL

Five New Corporations Granted Charters Yesterday

Wilmington Company Among Them —Netherlands Insurance Co. Admitted to State—Sergeant Denton Arrives.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—A good new year's beginning was made today by the State Department in the issuance of charters for new enterprises, there having been five new corporations chartered as follows:

Home Building Company, Wilmington, capital $20,000 authorized and subscribed by J. F. Reache, E. T. Taylor, J. W. Little and others for real estate development business.

The Carver Feed and Lumber Company, of Andrews, Cherokee county, capital $25,000 authorized and $1,000 subscribed by M. C. King and others.

The Dover Supply Company, of Dover, capital $10,000 authorized and $2,000 subscribed by D. W. Richardson and others.

The Tomlinson-Tatum Coal and Transfer Company, of Greensboro, capital $50,000 authorized and $8,000 subscribed by J. E. Tomlinson, B. B. Tatum and others.

The T. W. Hunter Drug Company, of Norwood, Stanley county, capital $5,000 authoribed and $1,500 subscribed, by C. A. Burnham and others.

Just From Mexican Border.

Sergeant William Denton, of Troop D, Twelfth United States Cavalry, has reported to Adjt. Gen. Laurence W. Young, of the North Carolina National Guard, to take up service as inspector-instructor for the cavalry troops of the North Carolina Guard, being assigned to this service by the United States War Department. He comes from San Antonio, Texas, where he has been on duty along the Mexican border for the past two years. He will make his headquarters for his service in this State at Asheville, the cavalry troops being at Asheville and Lincolnton. General Young says the two North Carolina troops are developing finely. There is a bill pending in Congress to provide a special government fund for paying hire of horses for the drill service of cavalry troops. This is expected to greatly aid in successful development of the cavalry service the country over.

Dutch Company Admitted.

The Netherland Fire and Life Insurance Company, of The Hague, Holland, qualified with the State Department of Insurance today for doing a fire insurance business in this State, the license to be issued by the department at once. There are now licensed to do business in this State 152 fire insurance companies; 47 mutual life companies; 11 assessment life companies; 51 miscellaneous companies; 48 fraternal orders; three live stock insurance companies. There are 25 nonresident insurance brokers licensed to do business in the State. The insurance department brought into the State Treasury the past fiscal year about $35,000.

New Tax Plan in Demand.

There came to the North Carolina Corporation Commission as State Tax Commission today a request for a sufficient number of copies of the recent report of the commission on the question of taxation and the recommendations the commission makes to Governor Craig and the North Carolina Legislature for revising the tax system in this State on the basis of money value tax assessment to supply a copy to each of the members of the Virginia Legislature. The recommendations will be supplied in pamplet form.

PEACE NEGOTIOTIONS THAT FELL FAR SHORT

Ward Gives Details of Efforts in Baseball World

Vice President of the Federal League and President of the Brooklyn Federal Club Says Yankees Offered to Him Thrice.

New York, Jan. 2.—Robert B. Ward, president of the Brooklyn Federals, and vice president of the Federal League, in a statement tonight made public details of fruitless peace negotiations with organized baseball early in the winter. First peace overtures, he said, came from "Mike" Cantillon, owner of the Minneapolis Association club, whose plan was for Federal teams in the West to enter the American Association and those in the East to merge with the International League.

The Federals turned this suggestion down, Ward said, and Cantillon then brought into conferences Charles Weeghman, of the Chicago Federals, and August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission. Ward said three distinct propositions were made to him to buy the New York Americans at the same time the Weeghman was given option to buy the Chicago Nationals. Ward said he was willing to purchase the Yankees and Weeghman the Cubs on condition that the Federals be admitted as a major league.

There was little chance for peace at any time, Ward said, but peace talk was widely circulated by organized baseball to keep the minor leagues quiet.

Of the attempt to arrange sale of the Chicago club to Weeghman, Ward said:

"There were several meetings between Weeghman and Herrmann in Chicago and to aid in pacifying minor leagues eager to enlist with the Federals there were spread broadcast a story of Weeghman's contemplated desertion of the Federals to become principal stockholder in the Cubs.

"The Federal League is a permanent institution in baseball," said Ward in conclusion.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League today denied Ward's statement that he had three propositions to buy the Yankees.

"A suggestion was made to me to permit Ward to buy the Yankees, but I quickly said 'Nothing doing'," said Johnson.

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